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Unpleasant Weather Upsets Plans Of County Citizens

Fishermen And Farmers Both Are Experiencing Unusual Difficulties As Result Of Rains

EQUINOXIAL STORM CAUSING TROUBLE

Northeast Storm Warning Displayed From Weather Tower Today Because Of Florida Storm

Brunswick county is sloppy wet this morning, as wet as she has been since the equinoxial storms last September. The overcast rain which probably is a by-product of the tropical disturbance centered early in the morning off the Florida coast, brought the September rains well above the 10-inch mark. A northeast storm warning was displayed at the weather tower in Southport this morning, and a great uneasiness was felt among the new hurricane hunters. Last week's storm, which crossed Florida before playing havoc on the Gulf Coast, resulted in heavy rains, but there was no damage from wind. The significant weather change of the week occurred on Monday when the mercury tumbled 10 degrees in 30 minutes. The temperature at 6 o'clock at the local station was 81 degrees, and before the night was over the thermometer had dropped to 71 degrees. The first change came suddenly about 9 o'clock, and sent sweltering citizens to shivering. The ones most anxious to see better conditions settle down are the farmers who have had their crops to gather; and the fishermen who are anxious for a chance to get out to do some real angling.

Brief News Flashes

RED DRUM

C. Brown and others from Fayetteville are credited with making some very nice catches of Red Drum fishing at Landing last week.

BOAT MEETING

Chas. G. M. Bennett, Jack Pitzer and Herbert Swain, members of the Brunswick County A.A. Committee, and J. J. secretary, attended a district meeting in Fayetteville two last week.

CRIVITZ ILL

Ernest Kravitz, Shallotte business agent, last week in New York with his father, Harry Kravitz, who is seriously ill. The son, Mr. Kravitz, who is 72, was returning to New York from his summer home in Connecticut.

STATE COLLEGE

W. S. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wells, of Southport, Monday for Raleigh where he will enroll as a freshman at State College. Edward Taylor, son of Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor, will be returning to resume his studies in the textile school at State College.

CAR AND WHISKEY

Deputy Sheriff O. W. Perry, State Patrolman R. C. Dunbar, captured three negroes, and transported them, in the southwest township Thursday, with six gallons of non-paired whiskey the officers seized a 1941 Pontiac sedan. The men were James Johnson, Joseph Cobb and Walter Robbins.

EMERGENCY DUTY

W. S. Stephens, Southport man, called to the Wilmington office of the Southern Bell Telephone company, was ordered to emergency duty. He will be repairing damage done by the hurricane in Louisiana and Mississippi.

PROPERTY CLEANING

E. T. Clemmons, of Supply, called attention to the fact that Thursday, October 2, is set aside for the cleaning up of the Holden cemetery. Supply and Holden's employees, repairing damage done by the hurricane in Louisiana and Mississippi.

THE OLD TOWN PUMP



RITUAL—Before leaving early this month for her home in Guatemala Mariflor Sobavarr, who had been visiting Stuart Arrington for several months, went up to Franklin Square to drink from the town pump. The story is that any visitor who drinks of this water is sure to return, and the young Central American Miss enjoyed her stay here so much that she wants to be sure to come back. She is shown drinking from the pump, while her playmates, left to right, are Patricia Adams, Stuart Arrington, Harriett Corlette and Janice Swann.—(Star-News Cut.)

White Cane Sales Being Conducted In Brunswick

Southport Boy Lands Big Drum

A 20-lb. 2-oz. red drum caught by Bertram Burris, Jr., of Southport is the most notable entry made by a local fisherman thus far in the Annual Fall Fishing Rodeo. So far as has been reported, this is the best fish of this species entered thus far in the event. Foul weather during most of the time since the beginning of the rodeo has curtailed the efforts of party boat captains, and most of their charters have been cancelled. Both the boatmen and the fishermen are looking forward to an end to the equinoxial storms.

Service Officer Here Thursday

Leonard Barrett will be guest of Brunswick County Legion Post At Meeting Here Thursday Night

Adjutant Crawford L. Rourke of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, has invited Leonard Barrett, assistant State Veterans Service Officer, to be the principal speaker at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Barrett, who is himself an ex-service man, is familiar with problems which may be puzzling veterans in this community, and Adjutant Rourke believes that this will be an unusually good opportunity for them to discuss these (Continued on page six)

Forest Service Training Meet

Two - Day Program Being Planned For Forestry Personnel Of This Area In Whiteville Thursday And Friday

The N. C. Forest Service personnel from five counties will attend a "Warden Training Meeting" in Whiteville, September 25 and 26. Personnel attending will include county wardens, association rangers, towermen, towerman-smokechasers and tractor drivers from Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Duplin and Pender counties. Raleigh office personnel attending will be J. R. Spratt, Chief of Forest Fire Control, M. M. Carstarphen, State law enforcement ranger, and Bob Shaw, chief of information and education branch. (Continued from page 6)

Dedication Of Electric Organ

St. James Methodist Church In Southport Scene Of Impressive Musical Program On Sunday Afternoon

St. James Methodist church in Southport was the scene Sunday afternoon of an impressive program of religious music as the new electric organ recently purchased was dedicated. (Continued on page six)

Special School Election To Be Held Saturday

Voters Of Leland School District Will Have Opportunity To Vote On Matter Of Levying School Tax

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN EVENT

Should Favorable Vote Result, Additional Funds Will Be Available For Leland School

Voters of the Leland school district go to the polls on Saturday to decide whether a special school tax will be levied for the support of Leland high school beginning next year. In order to pass a majority of registered voters must cast their ballot in favor of the proposed special tax. The official ballot provides two spaces for voting. One is "For Special Tax," the other "against special tax." Mrs. Rossie Holmes is serving as registrar for this special election. In the event the vote is favorable, a special school tax, not to exceed 15-cents per hundred dollars valuation, will be levied for the Leland school district and funds derived from this source will be used for the improvement of the school. The tax cannot be included until the next tax levy is made, and funds will not be available until next fall. There has been considerable interest in this issue, and leading citizens of Northwest township are very hopeful of the passage of the measure.

Scout Executive Is Lions Speaker

Taylor, Scout Executive For Wilmington District, Tells Advantages Of Scouting Program

James R. Taylor, scout executive for the Wilmington area, was guest speaker at the Thursday meeting of Southport Lions Club. Mr. Taylor reported that an active Sea Scouting unit now is functioning in Southport under sponsorship of the Baptist church. The sponsorship of the Boy Scout Troop also has recently been accepted by the Baptists, but both Mr. Taylor and the Rev. Herbert M. Baker were quick to stress the fact that boys of all denominations are welcomed into this group. The speaker detailed some of the advantages of membership in a scout organization, and quoted an eminent North Carolina jurist who recently declared that "in all my years upon the bench I never have had a boy scout brought before me as a defendant." Plans for conducting the White Cane Sales campaign locally were discussed, and Lion Robert Willis was placed in charge.

Revival Services At Mt. Pisgah

A series of revival services is in progress this week at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church, with the Rev. Amos Ledbetter, a native of Alabama, doing the preaching. The meeting will be concluded with the service Sunday evening.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEELER

"Although our supply of wiring is also short, our main trouble here is the shortage of central office equipment. You have twice as many phones here in Southport as you had a few years ago," so said O. S. Bain, manager of the Wilmington district of the Bell Telephone company, when we jumped him again the other day about the possibilities of lines to Caswell Beach and Long Beach. Mr. Bain went on to say that the dial central at Southport was loaded with as many phones as it could handle and until new central equipment could be obtained the scarce supply of wiring had to be used for connections at points where lines already exist. Mr. Bain did already exist. Mr. Bain did already exist. Mr. Bain did already exist. (Continued On Page 5)

Mullet Fishermen Happy With Change In Weather

Cool Weather Expected To Result In Large Schools Of These Fish Running Along Coast

Tuesday brought to this coast what hundreds of fishermen aptly and, perhaps, correctly describe as mullet fishermen's weather, so called because it sends the schools of mullets scurrying out of the mouths of creeks and rivers to form into greater schools for migration southward. Once formed into these ocean-borne schools, the fish become the prey of the men at numerous shore fisheries along the whole Atlantic Coast. The present cold spell, is said to be the best to start the migration of the fish of any September weather in years. Perhaps today, certainly by tomorrow, reports will be made of great catches of mullets being made at the fisheries on Caswell Beach, Long Beach, at Lockwoods Folly Inlet, Shallotte Point, Gause Landing, Seaside and Calabash. The fish are moving and the fishermen are waiting, tense for the moment when they will be called upon to man their net boats. No definite information is available as to just how many of the shore fisheries are operating on the Brunswick county coast line. Estimates put it at least half-dozen where from 15 to 20 men are employed. To these regular fisheries may be added scores of men working alone or in pairs with seines and gill nets, intent on getting a share of the moving fish to sell or salt away for their own use during the winter and spring. In addition to the fish, a still more valuable product is often found in the shape of mullet roe, especially in schools of the larger fish. The value of the roe often runs to double that of the fish from which it is taken. All sizes of mullets are eagerly sought after, but roe mullets are among the most coveted fish to be found on the coast in commercial quantity. After the runs of mullets comes the run of spots. They are taken in great numbers and also are eagerly sought after.

Shallotte Officials To Make Plans For Waterworks

No Information On Oil Agreement

There has been no new development in connection with the lease of Brunswick county lands to an oil company for the purpose of drilling for oil, but Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton said this morning that he is expecting to receive the papers any day for recording. The attorney who prepared the lease agreement declared this week that he has no doubt concerning the final execution of the papers, and that he expects to be notified of their completion within the near future.

Night Hunters Caught In Act

Columbus County Men Face Trial In Recorder's Court In Whiteville Following Arrest

Nine men, all residents of Columbus County, are being held under bond totalling \$1,600 for their appearance in Recorder's court at Whiteville on Tuesday, September 30. They are charged with illegally hunting deer at night with lights and hunting deer out of season. The arrests were made near the border of Brunswick county and District Game Protector Charles Skipper, of Leland, was among the officers making the captures. Tate Anderson, Ernest Anderson and J. J. Smith, all of Whiteville, were arrested in the Green Swamp, near Bolton at 9 o'clock Friday night. Four hours later at 1 o'clock in the morning the same officers made another raid near Council. This haul netted Tom Vance, Fred Edwards, Reuben Green, Earl C. Rogers, Wade Rogers and Roger Minton, all of Fair Bluff. In addition to Skipper the officers making the raid were Supervisor E. W. Cains, of Lumberton. (Continued on Page Six)

Vacancy Exists In Soil Service

J. F. Harper Has Asked Leave Of Absence From Soil Conservation Service Due To Personal Business

John F. Harper, who assumed the duties of Soil Conservationist for Brunswick county on July 15, has obtained a leave of absence from the Soil Conservation Service, leaving the Shallotte office without an active head. Harper came here from Johnson county, where he had served since being discharged from the Air Force in December, 1945. He has farming and business interests in Wake county, and it was the pressure from this source which prompted his request for release from duty with the soil service. Thus far there has been no announcement of a replacement in this position.

Forty-Seven Are Brought To Court

Near Record Number Of Cases Confronted Judge W. J. McLamb And Officials Of Recorder's Court Monday

A total of 47 cases appeared on the docket for trial when Judge J. W. McLamb opened Recorder's court here Monday. This unusually large number was partly the result of no session having been held last week and of a number of cases having been continued at the September 8th session. The minute book for Monday shows the following entries: J. L. Sandy, possession, ordered to pay costs. Walter Robbins, aiding and abetting in transporting, continued to September 29. Cecil C. Reynolds, possession, fined \$25.00 and costs. Morris Arthur Avant, possession, not guilty. Joseph H. Ward, possession, fined \$10.00 and costs. Lucidella Bellamy, no operator's license, fined \$25.00 and costs. Loftin B. Clemmons, reckless operation, continued to October 6th. Mersel Tharp, no operator's license, fined \$25.00 and costs. Ed Hall, possession, capias issued. Frank Reaves, passing on curve, improper brakes, fined \$25.00 and costs. C. D. Carter, possession, fined \$10.00 and costs. James Foy, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs. Willie J. Powell, failure to stop (Continued on page 6)

Shallotte Youth Drowns Sunday

Louis W. Callender Meets Tragic Death While Swimming At Tar Landing With Companion Sunday Morning

Lewis William Callender, 18-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Callender, of Shallotte, met a tragic death by drowning in the Shallotte river at Tar Landing Monday morning. The body was not recovered until several hours later. The young man, recently discharged from the army after enlisting at the end of the war, is understood to have been swimming with a younger companion, a Hale boy. While swimming the boys started playing with a small boat, which started to drift with young Callender swimming after it into deep water. The boat appears to have drifted faster than he could swim, and when he tried to catch it he sank before help could reach him. Men at the nearby landing saw the trouble and went to the rescue in a motor boat, arriving just too late. In addition to his adopted parents young Callender is survived by three adopted brothers. Bug (Continued on page six)

Veterans Given Preference In Securing Loans

Loan Funds Available This Year Considerably Reduced From Total Offered Last Year

REGULATIONS OF PROGRAM GIVEN

Farmers For Whom Loans Are Available Through Other Channels Are Not Eligible

Ivey C. Brown, county supervisor, of the Farmers Home Administration office at Whiteville, which serves Brunswick and Columbus counties, returned last week from a statewide conference at Raleigh to review program operations and activities for the ensuing year. Mr. Brown stated that emphasis was placed on the fact that farmers who can obtain credit from regular sources on reasonable terms and conditions are not eligible for assistance through the Farmers Home Administration. He also stated that the loan funds available this year for some types of loans are very limited in comparison with funds available for such purposes in previous years. District Government loans for the purchase, enlargement and development of family-type farms will be made to the extent that funds are available. Veterans have preference. Insured mortgage loans are also available through Farmers Home Administration for the purchase, enlargement and development of family-type farms by tenants, sharecroppers, and farm laborers who are eligible for the services of the agency. Veterans also have preference in applications for these loans. This is the first time that such loans have been available to farmers. Mr. Brown explained that all loans will be made on the basis of appraised normal values. The borrower pays down 10 percent of the normal value, and a lending institution, such as a bank or insurance company, lends the remaining 90 percent. The Government insures the loans and Farmers Home Administration personnel make collections and otherwise service them. Both direct and insured farm ownership loans bear 3 1/2 percent interest and are repayable on a 40-year amortized basis. A production and subsistence loan program will provide short term credit for eligible farmers for the purchase of seed, feed, fertilizer and farm and home equipment. Two kinds of production and subsistence loans will be made. Annual loans are available to finance operations for the year and must be repaid within 12 months. Adjustment loans are available when farmers wish to make major changes for the better in their farm and home operations, and may run up to five years. The interest rate on both annual and adjustment loans is five percent. Guidance and assistance planning farm and home operations, and in executing the plans, will be available to families who obtain farm ownership and adjustment loans, Mr. Brown said.

Sample Of Water From Artesian Flow At Ice Plant Receives Favorable Report From State Laboratory

MAY BE USED AS SOURCE OF SUPPLY

Mayor Leon Galloway Reports That Meeting Of Aldermen Will Be Called For Study

Mayor Leon Galloway of Shallotte stated this week that reports had been received on the analysis of the water from the Shallotte Ice Plant well and that these reports described the water as being, "very good." Several samples of the water had been sent in at intervals of over a week apart. With the report in every way favorable, the Shallotte official says that a meeting of the town aldermen will be called either this week or at a very early date to determine the future course of action in securing a town water system. The ice plant well is a deep artesian flow, said to provide an output of 175,000 gallons each 24 hours. This is ample for the present and immediate future needs of the town. Mr. Bruton, owner of the ice plant and well, is said to be willing to arrange a reasonable deal for the town to obtain and use his surplus water.