

LONGWOOD FARMER DOES OWN DRAINAGE



DITCHING—Rice Gwynn, Longwood landowner, is putting into effect at his own expense drainage practices which he so long has advocated for his part of the county. Above is shown a section of drag-line canal; left, above, the drag-line is shown at work; right, below, is shown a section of a ditch blown with dynamite. Mr. Gwynn has cooperated with the U. S. Soil Conservation service and has been one of the most active supporters of the Waccamaw River Drainage project.



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Experts Declare Gause Should Be Tried For Crime

Shallotte Negro Has Been Returned To New Hanover County Jail After Spending Year In Goldsboro Mental Institution

NEGRO KNOWS RIGHT FROM WRONG

Solicitor Clifton Moore Has Set No New Date To Try Negro For Shooting Shallotte White Man

It is understood that Solicitor Clifton Moore is planning to again try Leon (Scoop) Gause, a Negro, on trial for his part in the slaying of H. Jim Williams, a Shallotte white man, who was shot to death in his home in February of last year. The thing appears certain, Solicitor Moore has delayed calling for a second trial until he was fully prepared to handle the insanity plea. For several months Gause has been in the state institution for the insane at Goldsboro for observation. This past week he was released from that institution and returned to the New Hanover County Jail where he will remain pending trial.

Officials at the Goldsboro institution are quoted as saying: "We think he knows right from wrong and is able to stand trial for his crime."

Another statement from the institution was that Gause apparently was of low mentality, that he was thought to have the mind of an eight year old child. Gause, tried at a special term of court in New Hanover after the case was transferred from Brunswick county, was found guilty and sentenced to be put to death in the gas chamber in Raleigh. The Supreme court found error in the charge of Judge H. H. Parker to the jury and a new trial was granted.

At the first trial the defense argued strongly on insanity and it was reported that the same course will be followed when the matter is called.

Mc. Williamson, a well-known farmer living near Shallotte, was shot and killed on a Thursday night. At the time he was seated in his living room with his wife and the couple were engaged in shelling peanuts. The blast came from a shotgun, fired through the glass of the living room window.

Gause was captured after five days. (Continued on Page Five)

Brief News Flashes

GOOD PECAN CROP—Nearly every farmer in the Brunswick community grows at least a few pecan trees. Down the way this past week, C. H. King stated that the crop of pecans was pretty good this year.

BENEFIT BARBECUE

A benefit barbecue supper will be served at Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Bolivia on Wednesday evening, November 26, beginning at 6 o'clock. Proceeds will go toward the building fund for the new school rooms. Following the supper, a Thanksgiving program will be presented by the young people of the church.

Cage Season To Open Here Friday Night

Southport basketball fans will have an opportunity to see the two high school teams in action here Friday night at 7:30 o'clock against the boys and girls of Bolivia.

Principal H. T. Sanders, who is coaching both girls and boys teams, has had a good group of candidates on each of these squads, and although he is making no wild predictions, he is hopeful of turning out winning combinations in each division. "Every place on both teams is wide open," he says, "and starting assignments will go to the players who earn them on the basis of their play this season."

Included on the boys squad are Al Shannon, Herbert Swain, Jack Swann, Bobby Spencer, Richard Brendle, Tommy Bowmer, Billy Barber, Biff McDowell, G. W. Fisher, Gene Russ, Jimmy Radcliff, Ronnie Hood, Robin Hood, Harold Spencer, Darrell Fisher, Danny Harrelson, Doug Watts, Bobby Davis, Bobby Cullis, Gene Fulwood, John Newton.

Change Day Of Court Session

Effective December 3rd Weekly Sessions Of The Brunswick County Recorder's Court To Be Held On Wednesday

Effective December 3, Brunswick county Recorder's court will meet on Wednesday instead of Monday of each week. Members of the board of county commissioners approved that change at their session here Monday at the request of court officials.

The commissioners deferred action on a petition presented by citizens of Northwest township, requesting that former Deputy Sheriff Dillon L. Ganey be appointed constable.

Brunswick Boy Aboard Cruiser

Cecil M. Anderson, chief machinist's mate, USN, son of Mrs. W. D. Anderson of Leland, was reported aboard the heavy cruiser USS Albany for duty.

The ship, one of the fleet's newest heavy cruisers is 675 feet long, 70 feet wide, displaces approximately 16,500 tons, and is capable of making more than 32 knots. She mounts nine 8 inch guns, twelve 5 inch and many 40 and 20mm guns.

Longwood Man Shows Value Of Farm Drainage

Rice Gwynn Has Completed Fifteen Miles Of Canal Which Converts Wasteland Into Soil Good For Crops

ESTIMATES COST TO BE \$20,000.00

Mr. Gwynn Not Only Goes In For Private Project, But Is An Enthusiastic Supporter Of Federal Drainage

With 15 miles finished and four yet to go, Rice Gwynn, Longwood farmer and business man, is putting on a real demonstration of reclamation work by cutting canals with a modern dragline.

He will dig a total of 19-miles of canals running through his lands and emptying into Caw-Caw Swamp. All but four miles of the job has been finished during the past two or three months. The "ditches" are 6-feet deep and 22-feet wide at the top. They taper up to a V-shape. For its operations the dragline clears its own way through the trees and stumps.

Mr. Gwynn is spending \$20,000.00 on this 19-miles of canal and this expenditure will be increased by cutting many miles of smaller, feeder, ditches later on.

For results, it is figured that a huge area of very rich swamp lands, now too wet for any kind of farming, can be planted in various crops. This will be added to the 850-acres that Mr. Gwynn already has under cultivation. Much of this land already in cultivation will also benefit greatly by the drainage.

The Longwood man has gone in for drainage extensively since he came to lower Brunswick County. (Continued on page five)

Benefit Dance For Shallotte

Gala Event Is Planned For High School Gym On Friday Night Of This Week; Lions Club Sponsor

Through an error it was stated in last week's paper that the Lions Club of Shallotte was sponsoring a big square dance and box supper at the Shallotte high school gymnasium Friday night of last week.

It should have been Friday night of this week, November 21st. The event is being sponsored for the purpose of financing a big Community Christmas party. The hours are from 8 to 12 o'clock.

Huge Stalks Of Tobacco Grown

A. A. Cumbee, Winnabow farmer, last week sent this paper a still-green stalk of tobacco that is 14 feet and 1 inch tall. It still had 28 green leaves at the top, and apparently about 150 leaves were produced during the summer and fall.

Short Session Of Court Held

Abbreviated Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Held Monday, With Nine Cases Handled

This week's session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was adjourned before noon after nine matters had been disposed of by Judge W. J. McLamb. The following: (Continued on page 3)



W. B. KEZIAH

We were at Ash the other day and Jesse Purvis handed us his subscription. Included in the change was a quarter that had been through fire or something. Anyhow it was easily recognizable. Couple of hours afterwards we stepped into the D. C. Andrews store at Shallotte and bought some small article, paying for it with the quarter to the clerk who was the only one in the store at the moment. Twenty minutes later we met up with Carl as he was on his way to the store. He said to come along to where he could get some money, he wanted to renew his subscription. Have you guessed it? He handed out that quarter right back to us!

One of The Pilot's readers (probably many of them) don't like our looks. Neither do we, but we can help it. Whether we

County Schedule For Basketball Begins Dec. 5th

Line - Up Provides For Games Each Friday Night Through February 20th, Except Holidays

SOME TEAMS ARE ALREADY PLAYING

Indications Are That Spirited Series Is In Prospect During Season With All Teams Stronger

The schedule for pre-tournament basketball games between the high school teams of Brunswick county has been announced, with the first league game scheduled for Friday, December 5.

The schedule calls for games each Friday night through February 20, with the exception of the Christmas holiday period.

Some of the teams of the county already are playing warm-up games, and the indication is that this year will see spirited competition with most of the schools being better off for playing talent than they were last season.

Following is the complete schedule:

Dec. 5: Shallotte—Waccamaw; Bolivia—Southport; Leland—by.

Dec. 12: Waccamaw—Leland; Southport—Shallotte; Bolivia—by.

Jan. 2: Bolivia—Waccamaw; Leland—Shallotte; Southport—by.

Jan. 9: Leland—Bolivia; Waccamaw—Southport; Shallotte—by.

Jan. 16: Waccamaw—Shallotte; Southport—Bolivia; Leland—by.

Jan. 23: Leland—Waccamaw; Shallotte—Southport; Bolivia—by.

Jan. 30—Bolivia—Shallotte; Southport—Leland; Waccamaw—by.

Feb. 6: Waccamaw—Bolivia; Shallotte—Leland; Southport—by.

Feb. 13: Bolivia—Leland; Southport—Waccamaw; Shallotte—by.

Feb. 20: Shallotte—Bolivia; Leland—Southport; Waccamaw—by.

Fishing Party Has Good Luck

Wilmington Sportsmen Out Monday With Captain Hulan Watts Hit Big King Mackerel And Bonita

Fishing Monday with a party from the Crystal Cafe in Wilmington, Captain Hulan Watts and his Idle-On really ran into big business, so far as king mackerel, or cero, and bonita were concerned.

Sixteen of the king mackerel were boated. The smallest weighed only eight pounds but nearly all of the others were in the 23-24-25 pound class. They made it really interesting for the party, despite the fact that they were not expecting much so soon after rough weather.

But, it was with the Bonita that the party really went to town. They described the ocean as being full of these fish, striking. (Continued on page five)

Governor Cherry Awards Prizes In Fishing Rodeo

Governor Hands Cash Prize Of \$5,000.00 To Dr. Elliott Motley, Of Charlotte For 7-ft. 11-in. Sailfish Brought In Here

CAPTAIN WATTS IS ALSO PRIZE WINNER

Forty-Pound Red Drum Taken Off Point Of Bald Head Earned Another Major Prize For Wilmington Man

Southport and Brunswick county came in for their fair share of glory last night as the final chapter of the 1947 edition of the SENCBA Fall Fishing Rodeo was completed, with Governor R. Gregg Cherry doing the honors.

Top winner for the \$15,000.00 contest was Dr. Elliott Motley, Charlotte dentist, whose 7-ft. 11-in. sailfish caught off Frying Pan shoals was good for the \$5,000.00 cash award. The fish was caught while Dr. Motley was fishing aboard the Idle On with Captain Hulan Watts and was brought in here for weighing and for pictures.

As a result of being the skipper of the boat catching the prize winning fish, Captain Watts



DR. ELLIOTT MOTLEY, JR.

qualified for the \$1,000.00 prize. Brunswick county had its part in furnishing another of the major prize winners when Billy Jenkins, of Wilmington, won the \$1,000.00 award for the best fish caught while surf casting. His 40-lb. red drum taken off the point of Bald Head island earned this prize money for him.

There were numerous other Southport and Brunswick county people included in the list of persons who won lesser cash awards and valuable merchandise prizes.

Southport Shrimp Will Be Delivered By Plane

Baptists Holding Services At School

While the Southport Baptist church is being moved from its present location and is undergoing a complete renovation, members of that congregation will hold their worship services in the Southport high school building.

Sunday school was held there Sunday morning, with the members of the church joining at the 11 o'clock hour with the congregation of Trinity Methodist church in welcoming their new pastor, the Rev. L. D. Hayman.

Work on the Sunday school rooms has made encouraging progress despite adverse weather conditions, and following pouring the concrete for the basement, masonry work already is underway.

Respected Lady Passes At Home

Mrs. M. E. Gore Died Saturday At Home Near Ash Following Period Of Failing Health; Funeral Services Monday

Mrs. M. E. Gore, 78-widow of the late Elias Gore of Waccamaw township, died at her home near Ash Saturday afternoon. Her death followed upon six years of gradually failing health.

Both Mrs. Gore and the husband, who preceded her in death, were widely known and active in the affairs of Waccamaw township and Brunswick county.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the graveside at the Griffin cemetery. The services were in charge of Rev. H. B. Bennett, of Shallotte.

Honorary pallbearers were Armstrong Evans, J. H. Milligan, L. C. Tripp, W. J. White, W. A. McCumbee and R. C. Piver. Active pallbearers were Mattison. (Continued on page 3)

Young People Enjoy Outing

The young people of Prospect Baptist church at Supply had a weiner roast on Saturday evening, October 31. The event took place under the trees near the church. Hot dogs, drinks, delicious sandwiches and cookies were served.

Those attending were Myrna Clemmons, Janice Holden, Carolyn Holden, Katherine Clemmons, Gene Holden, Wright Clemmons, Elton Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holden, Mrs. Rudy Clemmons and a visitor, Miss Gwendolyn Blanton.

Initial Service To Points In Central North Carolina Will Begin This Week With Expanded Program In Prospect

USE IMPROVED LANDING STRIP

If Experiment Proves Practical Better Facilities Will Be Used To Deliver Fresh Seafood

The first shipment of seafood direct from Southport by air is scheduled to be made Friday afternoon of this week, with the destination being Chapel Hill and Durham. It is understood that the initial load will be composed of seven hundred pounds of shrimp.

Dave Beard, ex-Marine pilot, now of Chapel Hill, is heading the venture. The shrimp will be packed for him by Swan and Downing. He expects to leave Chapel Hill soon after noon Friday. Flying here he will land on the sand dump, formed by the dredging of the inland waterway. Loading there he plans to take off and fly back to Chapel Hill with his cargo.

After Friday he will make two trips here for shrimp each week, using a light plane. If the venture works out alright he will buy a heavier surplus navy training plane and carry larger loads. Instead of just transporting to Chapel Hill and Durham, he may extend the service to other North Carolina cities. He has already contracted for the sale of all shrimp he can deliver in Chapel Hill and Durham.

"In fact," said Mr. Beard, "those shrimp we get in Chapel Hill and Durham are from Southport, coming to us via reshippers from Baltimore. I found a big demand for shipments direct from Southport, the quickest possible way."

The young ex-service man was here Saturday, looking for a landing strip he could use. He found that north of the waterway, beginning towards the lower end of the yacht basin, there is a strip. (Continued on Page Five)

Brunswick Boy On Track Team

Halstead Holden, Son Of Dr. And Mrs. R. H. Holden, Of Shallotte, Is Running On U.N.C. Cross Country Squad

During the half of the University of North Carolina and University of Virginia football game at Chapel Hill Thursday of next week Brunswick county spectators will have an opportunity to see a young Shallotte man in action with the track team.

Running with the University of North Carolina cross country squad will be Halstead Holden, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Holden, of Shallotte. He is on the regular varsity squad and his team has not been defeated this year. (Continued on Page 3)

Army Engineers Make Inspection Of Flooded Area

Suggestion Of J. P. Quinerly That Visit Be Made To Waccamaw Drainage Area During High Water Accepted

GOVERNMENT MEN SEE GREAT NEED

This Action Follows On Heels Of Public Hearing Held At Conway Courthouse Last Month

Optimism prevailed here this week over prospects for approval of the Waccamaw River flood control project which would restore and bring into profitable production thousands of acres of farm and forest lands in Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Hopes for early action were increased by a visit of Army Engineers James W. Blair and Joseph D. Pearce of Charleston who came to observe the Waccamaw at high flood stage and were impressed with the extent of the damage being done and the incapacity of the river to carry off the water.

The two representatives of the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers were particularly amazed by conditions in the lower section where efforts of farmers to drain their lands by means of ditches proved an utter failure. Mr. Blair and Mr. Pearce saw these ditches serving merely as a media of wet weather irrigation.

The proposal to obtain improvements in the form of flood water drainage has been one of the major projects of the Farm Bureau of Columbus and Brunswick, with J. E. Dodson of Brunswick and J. P. Quinerly and Henry B. Wyche serving as a special committee for the purpose of focusing attention of both the public and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the enormous damage from water.

On Oct. 31, a public hearing was held in Conway, S. C. at which time a brief was submitted to show the annual damage and citing the yearly benefits which might be expected from flood control in the area. This brief estimated the total benefits at \$700,000 per year.

In a letter to Mr. Quinerly, assistant county farm agent for Columbus, Col. C. W. Gillette of the South Atlantic Area engineers, said, "I think your suggestion that we observe the Waccamaw River at flood stage is very timely and I am going to have that done at once. . . I feel confident that we shall be able to come through with a solution to the problem of flood control in the Waccamaw valley."

The inspection trip this week was a result of this suggestion. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Blair were taken on a trip aboard the Sea Scout Ship Waccamaw across Lake Waccamaw to the "river mouth" where the water was surging across the dam far above the capacity of the river to take off. They saw the White Marsh, Soles Swamp, Seven Creeks, Simmons Bay and other tributaries overflowing and backing up water in the fields and woods. They also were shown the river at New Britain, Reeves Ferry, Piway and other points.

The most effective evidence of the flood damage was observed in the vicinity of Piway where there was no appreciable flow in the river, but the river water was rapidly running off into small creeks and sloughs into the adjoining lowlands. At that point, the overflows extended more than five miles into Brunswick and Columbus counties.

The engineers say that the solution seems to point to a spillway and canal from the river at the nearest point to tidewater near the North and South Carolina line to take the flood waters to the sea instead of the present long and slow route 90 miles farther to Georgetown. Supplementing the spillway, it is also thought necessary to straighten the river—cut off the worst horseshoe bends, clear it of logs, trees, etc. from the location of the spillway or near the point where White Marsh enters the Waccamaw between Whiteville and Old Dock.

While, of course, refusing to make any definite commitment, engineers have indicated a favorable reaction.

Mr. Wyche, Mr. Quinerly and Mr. Dodson expressed confidence, following the visit of the engineers, that the report will be favorable, that the detailed survey will be authorized and made before the end of 1948, with bright prospects of getting everything in readiness for requesting an appropriation from Congress by the first of 1949.