

Ball Federation Meeting Is Held By Club Women

Some Demonstration Club Women Of Brunswick County Enjoy Delightful Social Affair Following Meeting

ACTIVITIES OF CLUBS REPORTED

Meeting Speakers Helped Make Program One Of Unusual Interest To All Who Were Present

A large crowd attended the Brunswick County Federation of Women's Club meeting held at the high school for the annual meeting Friday night.

The meeting was called to order with song "Come Ye Thankful People" followed by the Colored People of the Club Women of America. The devotion was given by the Rev. Richard Braunstein of the Shallotte Methodist church.

Special music was given by Patricia Ann Thomas and Carol Sellers, accompanied by Maude Mae Hewitt.

Speeches were delivered by County Agent J. E. Dodson and C. Stone, principal of the Shallotte school. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Thompson McRackan, secretary-treasurer of the organization, and reports were made by the different clubs forming the federation.

One of the highlights was the address by Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Eastern delegate to the Associated Country Women of the World meeting in Amsterdam, Island, this past September. She was introduced to the gathering by Mrs. Mary L. McAllister, Eastern District Home

Following the business meeting an informal reception was held.

Funeral Of Former Resident

Mrs. Lucy B. Northrop, Wife Of Former Southport Merchant, Died Last Wednesday At Home Of Daughter In Wadesboro

Mrs. Luck Boswell Northrop, widow of the late S. B. Northrop of Southport, died Wednesday in Wadesboro at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nora Mitchell, with whom she has been residing for the past several years.

Preceding his death her husband operated one of the largest mercantile businesses in Brunswick county.

Surviving Mrs. Northrop are her sons, Glenn A. Northrop, of Winston-Salem, and Milton A. Northrop, of Wilmington, and the daughter, Mrs. Mitchell, with whom she resided.

The remains were brought to Southport Thursday and following services at St. Phillip Episcopal church, with Rev. H. M. Baker in charge, were interred in the (Continued on page four)

Brief News Flashes

WOMANLESS WEDDING
Members of the Leland Lions Club will present a Womanless Wedding at Bolivia high school on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

MOVES OFFICE
The office of the executive secretary of the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross, is being moved from its former location into the Taylor building, door to the Southport post-office.

ADDITIONAL WORK
The Rev. Herbert M. Baker, pastor of Southport Baptist church, has added to his work the pastorate of Lebanon Baptist church. His schedule calls for regular preaching services on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons.

CHURCH OYSTER SUPPER
The ladies of the Sharon Methodist church, between Supply and Baldhead Beach, will serve an oyster supper at the church at 6 o'clock Saturday of this week. Oysters will be served along with the other good things that help make a success of an event of this kind. The proceeds will go to the church.

THE THREE BEARS



MEAT—The three bears shown above were killed on a recent hunting trip by the Hack Smith party from Tennessee. The two smaller bears were killed in the Green Swamp, but the big fellow on the left, "Old Three-Toes," was bagged on a side trip to Carteret county.

New Brunswick River Bridge Opened To Traffic Saturday

One-Way Traffic Allowed To Move Over New Structure Saturday With Two-Way Travel Starting Monday

The new concrete bridge over Brunswick river on U. S. No. 17 was opened to one-way traffic Saturday and on Monday morning was made available for traffic moving in both directions.

By Christmas day it is hoped the final work on the Alligator Creek bridge, on Route 74, near Wilmington, will be completed and the bridge opened to traffic, according to statements of the V. P. Loftis Construction Company.

Both bridges are what is known as four-lane type. They have 37 feet of clearance between the railings, as against the 17 1/2 feet on the old bridges they are replacing. In addition to this safety feature of being more than double the width of the old bridges, a very dangerous approach to the Alligator Creek bridge has been eliminated. Straight driveways now mark the approach to both bridges.

At the beginning of the work early last spring it was stated that a full year's time would be required to build the two bridges. Considering the fact that much bad weather was encountered, the finishing of the work ahead of schedule speaks well for the Loftis Company and for the E. W. Grannis company of Fayetteville, which built the approaches.

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Weathers Youth Dies In Hospital

William Harley Weathers died last Tuesday night at the Duke Hospital, Durham, after a brief illness. He was 19 years old.

Surviving are his widow, the former Betty Lou Cox, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weathers, and two brothers, Capt. James W. Weathers, Jr., of the U. S. Army, and Charles Weathers of Goldsboro. Capt. Weathers is enroute to the states after service in Tokyo.

Funeral services were held from the home in Goldsboro, Thursday afternoon by Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member. The burial was at the family plot in Willow Dale cemetery.

Mr. Weathers was stricken desperately ill early Sunday morning. Tuesday afternoon he appeared much improved, but in the evening suffered a fatal relapse. When first stricken he had complained of a violent headache and then lapsed into unconsciousness. His wife and his parents had remained with him at Duke Hospital.

The deceased in November had completed about 20 months in U. S. Marines during which time (Continued on page 2)

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Gilbert T. Reid High Candidate In Soil Voting

Brunswick County Farmers Cast Ballots Last Week For Election Of Three-Man Committee To Oversee Soil Program

OTHER MEMBERS ALSO ELECTED

W. Claude Gore And Corbett Coleman Named To Serve On Committee With Winnabow Man

Gilbert T. Reid, Winnabow farmer and forester, was re-elected a member of the Soil Conservation Committee for Brunswick county in the Lower Cape Fear District, at the Saturday election. Mr. Reid's term is for three years.

W. Claude Gore, Shallotte farmer, was also elected, his term being for two years. Corbett Coleman, Waccamaw township farmer, received the third place on the board. He was elected for a one year term.

This committee is scheduled to meet early in January, at which time they will elect one of their number as chairman. This chairman will automatically become a member of the district board of supervisors of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District and will work in conjunction with the supervisors from the other counties in the district.

The vote is said to have been lighter than hoped for. Farmers throughout the county were still very busy, taking advantage of the fine weather to finish harvesting their corn, potatoes and the sowing of small grain.

P.-T. A. Meeting Here Thursday

Monthly Meeting Of Southport Parent-Teacher Group Held In High School Auditorium

The Southport Parent-Teacher Association will start this week to sponsor a recreation evening each week at the Community Building for the young people.

At a meeting of that organization on last Thursday night, Principal H. T. Sanders spoke of the need for such a project and action was taken to begin the program immediately.

Mrs. Thompson McRackan, who presided over the meeting, appointed Mrs. Warren Hood chairman of a committee to have this project in charge. It was decided to have the club open each Saturday night. Chaperones were appointed for the first three Saturday evenings. Additional chaperones will be appointed at each P. T. A. meeting for the succeeding month.

Miss Ruth Patterson, county Superintendent of Public Welfare, was the speaker for the evening. She told of the duties of her office with special emphasis on problems relating to children.

Seeing a lot of tobacco canvas at the Shallotte Trading Company, this week, brought about the remainder that the beginning of another crop season is not so far off. Many tobacco growers are at work on their plant beds by Christmas. All of them try to get their seed in the ground as soon as possible after the new year comes.

Although the past two weeks of clear weather have permitted a great many Brunswick farmers to sow grain, finish digging their potatoes and the job of harvesting the corn crop, there is still a tremendous lot of work to be done. Hardly more than half the big corn crop has been gathered, some potatoes are still undug and a lot of grain remains to be planted. This condition is especially true on the rich, heavy farming lands of Waccamaw township. Many corn fields there are still too wet and mirey to permit trucks to go in and haul out the corn crop.

Our friend, Oakland Smith, Waccamaw township man who is

very hard of hearing, said the other day that it would be interesting to find out the number of deaf people in the county. That might be so, but the average deaf or hard-of-hearing man has no desire to be considered in any way different from another human being. Some of them are no dumber than a lot of other people who find it difficult to talk to them.

James F. King, Supply-Bolivia boy who graduated from the Southport high school last spring and immediately enlisted in the army, has been spending a ten days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. King, near Supply. He was accompanied home by his friends, Charles J. Matheny, of Ohio, also in the army and stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va.

Earl Bellamy, Shallotte High school teacher and coach, says he is very much pleased at the spirit of sportsmanship that he has seen among the school teams thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Ed-

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Telephone Manager Brings Officials Here For Visit

O. G. Bain, Manager Of Wilmington Office, Always Brings Company Visitors To Southport

When O. G. Bain, manager of the Wilmington District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, has somebody worth while calling on him it is his good, old fashioned custom to bring the visitors to Southport.

Monday, in accordance with the custom of the telephone executives to visit other districts, E. A. Clement, Raleigh District manager, and W. T. Gillham manager of the Atlanta office, were in Wilmington with Mr. Bain.

Mr. Bain's glowing argument that the party should visit Southport was warmly received. They came down and had sidewalk interviews, and in addition engaged in informal discussions in regard to hunting, sport fishing, commercial fishing and shrimping with Paul Fodale, James Arnold, Prince O'Brien who wanted golf for his part, and others.

Mr. Gillham appeared especially interested in finding out why Southport people or someone else with an eye to a wonderful business venture had never built a hotel here. "You won't have to depend on just summer resort business," said he. "With hunting, fishing, tourist travel, yachtsmen business, etc., your hotel, if you build one, will have good year-round business."

Shrimp Trawlers Install Ship-To-Shore Telephones

Additional Craft Of Southport Shrimping Fleet Installed These Facilities During Past Few Days

Several more Southport shrimp trawlers were outfitted with the ship to shore phones during the past week. For the most part these small boats have limited range in their outfits, as most of the phones have five watt power, which gives them a good range up to about 200 miles.

When a trawler is out and strikes good fishing, even if there is no other trawler in many miles, the catch is usually known as shore within a few minutes after it is made. The other boats, which may be operating on unprofitable grounds, also learn of it in short order.

One of the biggest advantages of the phones is in addition to the news that they can spread of good fishing. If a boat meets with an accident or gets into trouble it can instantly call the Coast Guard or call another boat to its aid.

Ranging from the low watt phones with ranges of 200 miles ample for the trawlers, there are several craft engaged in the fishing industry with powerful ship-to-shore phones. The Plaxco and the Brunswick, converted minesweepers of the Brunswick Navigation company, have 75-watt phones that gives them a talking radius extending from coast to coast.

It may be significant that W. T. Gillham, of the Atlanta office, was in Southport Monday for the purpose of conducting a survey to determine if there is a present need for shore central office in connection with the expansion of this new service.

No Development In Raftery Case

Leland Man Beaten, Bound And Robbed By Stick-Up Men At Home At Leland Tuesday Night Of Last Week

Brunswick county officers have made no announcement regarding their efforts to apprehend the three or more men who held up and robbed Jimmie Raftery, owner of the R. & S. Amusement shows, at his home near the Brunswick River bridge last week.

Mr. Raftery lost upwards of \$1,500 in cash which he had in his home and jewelry said to be worth a still larger sum.

The amusement company went into its winter quarters across the road from the Raftery home two weeks ago. Tuesday night Mr. Raftery and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Hedgecock, were eating supper in the kitchen of the home. Mr. Raftery went to the front door in response to a ring and was confronted by an armed man who told him it was a stick-up and ordered him back into the house. This first man was masked. He admitted a second man who was unmasked through the kitchen door and both Mr. Raftery and Mrs. Hedgecock were bound and gagged. Mr. Raftery was struck over the head several times with a blackjack in an effort to subdue him.

The lot, acquired from LeRoy Mintz, is on Route 17, just east of the intersection of Route 17 and Route 100.

Material Being Bought For Hut

Site Selected And Building Material Being Delivered For Erection Of American Legion Hut At Shallotte

The Shallotte Post American Legion is having material delivered this week for the construction of their new hut. The building committee, composed of R. D. White, H. B. Usher, Ernest Parker, Billy Russ and Odell Williamson, chairman states that they expect construction work to start very soon.

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Plan Community Christmas Party On December 24

Mrs. Helen Bragaw Heading Movement Which Will Be Community-Wide Celebration On Christmas Eve

COLLECT PRESENTS FOR ALL CHILDREN

Festivities Will Be Held Around Lighted Outdoor Tree Located On Lawn Of Brunswick County Courthouse

Southport people are making plans to provide a real community Christmas for all white children in this vicinity from one to ten years of age. Approximately 200 presents have already been donated for the purpose, together with a nice sum of money.

The party will be held on the courthouse lawn. The town has agreed to decorate and light one of the cedar trees near the Episcopal church for the purpose. The lights and decorations will be kept on during the holidays.

Hours for the party are from 4 to 6 o'clock Christmas Eve. It is very much desired that all of the small children be present during these hours. Parents and friends are asked to please bring them.

Individuals or business people who are interested in making donations of either money or presents may contact Mrs. Helen Bragaw, who is leading the movement with a number of other ladies assisting.

Mrs. Bragaw says it is estimated that approximately 300 children of the one to ten age group live in the town and community for a reasonable distance. All of these are invited to attend the tree festivities and all may be assured of receiving a present. It is urged that friends and those having knowledge of children who may not receive much at Christmas make a special personal effort to see that these little folks are present at the tree and party.

Methodist Church Plans Full Day Christmas Celebration

Christmas Celebration Will Feature Services At Trinity Methodist Church; Cantata To Be Presented

Sunday, December 21st, will be a full day at Trinity Methodist church according to announcement of the pastor last Sunday.

Beginning with the church school hour at 10 o'clock, the children's division of the church school will render the worship program. This work is in charge of Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. E. T. Hayman and Miss Barbare Weeks.

At 11 o'clock, the pastor will preach the Christmas sermon and the choir will render approximate music for the occasion.

The day's program will be climaxed by the Christmas cantata given by Trinity Church choir at 7:30 o'clock. The entire evening's program will be under direction of the committee on music, Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. J. W. Ruark and Mrs. J. M. Harper, and the eighteen voices in the choir. The decorations in the church will be in keeping with the season.

During the week preceding Christmas, the various divisions of the church and the youth work will feature programs.

Shallotte Will Sponsor Contest

Christmas Lighting Contest For That Community Expected To Encourage Home - Owners In Holiday Decorations

Encouraging the Christmas Spirit, the Shallotte town officials are sponsoring a Christmas tree contest in the homes of Shallotte and also including the area from the Woodrow Russ filling station to the town limits on the east and to the Beaman Sellers residence on the west.

First, second and third prizes are being offered, these prizes to be awarded by a committee, of three from outside the town. In order to have a tree eligible for competition the home-owner must list it with the town clerk, not later than noon on December 23.

Town officials point to the fact that it is necessary that all trees be listed before the above time in order that the judges may arrange their inspection route. The trees will be judged on the night of December 23rd.

W. B. KEZIAH

Our friend, Oakland Smith, Waccamaw township man who is

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