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NEW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE NAMED

Brunswick County Farmers also went on record as favoring peanut quotas during coming three year period.

The county agricultural conservation committee referendum December 9th called out a favorable vote was cast for peanut quota for the years 1949 and 1950.

The vote for county committee and officers resulted in the election of Erroy King of Freeport, Jackson B. Potter of Winthorpe, John L. Stone of Shallotte as chairman, vice-chairman and regular member. First and alternate members were Lonnie H. Herring and Charlie Knox.

Committees for the 17 precincts were named as listed below. At the precinct the first named is chairman, the second, vice-chairman, the third, first and second alternates.

North West—Paul Brown, G. H. Skipper, Leo F. Medlin, Raymond L. Medlin, Robert Johnson.

South—J. R. Williamson, T. Ganey, W. H. Chadwick, E. Mintz, L. P. Clark, W. C. Creek—S. L. Purvis, W. Sullivan, Robert E. Ward, W. Lanier, I. E. Mitchell.

Shallotte—Robert Hawes, O. L. Gray, Lucian H. Phelps, J. Tripp, Isiah Fulford.

Case Landing—L. Thomas, P. P. Davis, Donald E. Vance Gore, Sr., F. Redore Pierce.

Cricketown—Herbert Russ, Al (Continued on page 4)

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Bell In Baptist Church Is Gift Of Benefactor In 1872

When Bell Was Lowered To Ground As Steeple Was Dismounted During Past Week, Discovery Made

No information is available as to when the Baptist church now being torn down to make way for a larger and more modern structure was erected, but all indications seem to be that it has served a long and useful life.

The big bell that has called thousands to worship through an unknown number of years, was lowered to the ground last week during the process of tearing down the steeple by Mr. Caswell, who is building the new church.

An examination of the bell revealed that it is without a flaw and is as sound as when it was cast three quarters of a century ago.

The inscription shows that the bell was cast in Boston, Mass., by William Blake and Company, formerly the H. N. Hooper and Company. This was in 1872.

A further inscription says: "Presented to the Baptist Church, Smithville, N. C., by G. R. French and Sons."

There is nothing to designate the place of business or residence of the G. R. French and Sons, but they are believed to have been a Wilmington firm of many years ago.

Scrawling capital letters, evidently painted on by someone when the bell was originally hung and still plainly visible are as follows: "H. T. D."

No one has been found who knows whom "H. T. D." may have been. He was probably some official of the church or some workman engaged in the mounting of the bell in the steeple.

With the old bell without a flaw, the Rev. H. M. Baker, pastor of the church, says that it is unthinkable that it should not be allowed to continue its long and useful life.

Accordingly, when the new Baptist church is completed the congregation will once again be called to worship by the peals of the big bronze bell that has been through the years.

Whittler's Park Finds Self In The Path Of Progress

Barring Unexpected Developments, Persons Working To While Away A Little Time Next Summer Will Find Facilities

Although admitting that Southport did well in the building of new homes in 1947, and also that more than half a million dollars were spent for commercial fishing boats and equipment, a lot of Southport folks were not ready to admit that progress had come to the town until this week.

Within the past few days carpenters with hammers and saws have begun the work of completely restoring the ancient loafers bench at Whittlers park down on the Southport waterfront. They are not only building a new bench, they are building several new benches.

These are octagonal in shape, with smaller ones inside the big ones and big ones surrounding the little ones—if you get what is meant.

Over the old bench—it might be better to say that over the many old benches that have graced Whittlers Park until busy knives whittled them away—stories have been told concerning bigger fish than ever was known to actually swim the sea, and it is doubtful if there is any other spot on the whole North Carolina coast where bigger fishing tales have been told.

The old bench, like many of the other old benches that preceded it, gave joy to hundreds of up-state visitors, as well as to practically all the liberal minded residents of Southport. It is well remembered how Frank L. Johnson, coca-cola king of Statesville, delighted to listen to the brain trust boys who gathered at the bench to talk of fishing exploits.

The same thing can be said of Charlie Farrell and other Greensboro folks. It was not so many years ago that H. H. Brimley, curator of the State Museum in (Continued on page four)

Nineteen Women Drawn For Jury Duty Next Term

January Term Of Brunswick County Superior Court Will Be Presided Over By Judge Q. K. Nimocks

A one-week mixed-term of Brunswick county Superior court will convene here on Monday, January 19, with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville, slated to be the presiding jurist.

Primarily this term will be for trial of criminal cases, and Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett says that there will be more than sufficient cases to take up the full time. However, all court sessions not specifically designated as civil terms are actually mixed terms, allowing for the disposition of divorce actions during the session.

The jury list drawn for this term by the commissioners in their meeting here Monday is noteworthy in that the names of a total of 19 women were drawn for jury service.

Following is the complete list: Raleigh Varnum, Hugh B. Gray, Horace Varnum, I. A. Hewette, C. W. Hewett, Floyd Washington Hewett, Floyd Kirby, Mrs. Josie Kirby, Mrs. J. H. Nance, S. G. Fulford, Hoover B. Clemmons, J. L. Clemmons, Hoyle Varnum, Dillard Henry Hewett, Dennis I. Hewett, J. B. Norris, Supply; W. T. White, Eunice Stanley, Mae Russ, Robert Hawes, Warren W. Hewett, Mrs. J. M. Chadwick, Jr., W. C. Evans, D. G. Bozeman, Shallotte; J. P. Swain, Mrs. Garfield Clemmons, S. P. Cox, Weston Willetts, Mrs. Bertha Garner, J. I. Stone, William H. Gray, Mrs. C. P. Bowling, Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Bolivia; Odell Jenrette, J. L. Mintz, Mrs. E. D. Coleman, Mrs. R. D. Bennett, Clyde Bennett, Mrs. Mamie Mintz, Mrs. W. E. Stanaland, Ash; T. K. Lewis, Mrs. Roger Clemmons, Mrs. Joel Moore, Mrs. Leslie Garner, George Walton, Pearce Cranmer, Miss Annie Mae Woodside, Paul Fodale, Southport; Mrs. Anna S. Gwyn, Longwood; Mrs. A. T. Butler, Harry Allen, Leland; W. B. Sullivan, R. E. Ward, Winnabow; D. Bert Edwards, Freeland.

It appears certain that a one-week county-wide rat killing campaign will be launched in Brunswick county during the month of January, according to County Agent J. E. Dodson. Reactions to a recent editorial in this paper are said to indicate that white and colored citizens of the county are heartily in favor of the effort.

The need of a concerted campaign is generally recognized. It is said that the rodents cause a yearly loss of upwards of two hundred thousand dollars in this county. Individual efforts at control produce little or no results.

If one home owner cleans up his premises he soon finds himself overrun again with new families of rodents moving in from neighboring buildings.

The best way to stop the destruction is to wage a general campaign, with all white and colored residents joining up in the extermination work, experts have found.

While the plans for the campaign have not yet been fully formulated, it is understood that a government formula that consists of poison will be generally resorted to. This formula is said to be harmless to man and beast, including pet animals. It consists of ground fish, rolled oats, corn meal and Red Squill, all mixed into a tasty dish of poison for the rats. One dollar's worth of this mixture is sufficient to kill all of the rats on the average farm.

It is understood that plans may provide for one dollar packages of this poison to be distributed by the older children in all white and colored schools.

The plans are to offer individual prizes for the greatest number of rodents killed, the tails to be accepted as evidence. It is understood that an effort is being made to have all three of the Lions Clubs in Brunswick sponsor the undertaking. Further details should be available shortly.

Francis Holliday, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. John Henry Jenkins, improper lights, continued. Etheridge June Lovitt, speeding, called and failed, capias issued. Ewell Cape Madden, drunk driving, set for trial December 31st. William H. Mimms, speeding, (Continued on page 4)

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UNDERGOING REPAIRS



REPLACEMENT—There is right much wear and tear on the benches at Whittler's Park, situated beneath the cedars on the waterfront in Southport, and currently there is a re-building program in progress designed to get these loafing facilities in shape for the spring and summer season.

Plans Being Completed For Community-Wide Yuletide

Community Christmas Tree Next Wednesday Night Will Be One Of High Spots In Season's Observance

On Sunday morning the annual Christmas sermon will be preached at the 11 o'clock service at Trinity Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. L. D. Hayman. At the evening hour at 7:30 o'clock the choir will present the Christmas cantata.

Also on Sunday evening there will be a special Christmas program at Southport Presbyterian church.

On Tuesday evening there will be a benefit dance at the Community Center building, profits from this entertainment to go for the benefit of the fire truck fund for the City of Southport.

On Wednesday evening festivities about the community Christmas tree will be held on the courthouse lawn. Elaborate plans have been made for this occasion, and this is expected to be one of the most joyous occasions of the holiday season.

At 11 o'clock there will be a Christmas Eve Service at St. Phillips Episcopal church to which members of other congregations are invited.

At Sacred Heart Catholic church at the same hour Christmas Mass will be celebrated, the celebrant Father J. J. Mundell.

The Rev. Charles N. Phillips, for the past 33 years pastor of various Methodist churches in Southeastern North Carolina, died in Wilmington Friday. He was rounding out his 12th year as pastor of Epworth Methodist church at the time of his death.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips died at his home 815 North Fifth street at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The body lay in state at Epworth church Sunday and through noon on Monday. During this time funeral services were conducted there with Rev. A. S. Parker, pastor of Hay Street Methodist church, Fayetteville; Rev. E. L. Hillman, district superintendent of the Wilmington district; and Rev. E. W. Pate, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, in Wilmington conducting the services.

The body was brought to Southport at noon Monday and services were held here with the Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of Southport Methodist church, and the Rev. H. M. Baker, of the Baptist church, officiating.

For 25 years the Rev. Mr. Phillips held membership with Pythagoras Lodge No. 249 A. F. and A. M., at Southport. At the cemetery his brother Masons gave full Masonic honors. At one time (Continued on page four)

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Soil Men Here Endorse River Drainage Plan

Adopt Resolution After Hearing Henry Wyche Discuss Waccamaw Spillway Proposal

MEETING HELD IN WHITEVILLE FRIDAY

Brunswick County Represented By Gilbert T. Reid, Supervisor, And By Conservationist Potter

District Supervisors of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District held their fall meeting in Whiteville Friday afternoon, December 12. The following supervisors were present: Chairman D. C. Harrelson from Bladen County; M. L. Inman, Columbus County; Gilbert T. Reid, Brunswick County; and A. B. Herring, Pender County.

The North Carolina Extension Service was represented by C. D. Raper and R. R. Rick, county agents in Columbus and Pender Counties respectively. The Soil Conservation Service was represented by J. R. Powell, F. M. Glover, Jr., C. D. Potter, and M. W. Bowen, soil conservationists in the four counties, and by H. M. Stott, district conservationist.

Henry Wyche of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, spoke to the group and discussed the proposed flood control work on the Waccamaw River which is now being considered by the Army Engineers.

Mr. Wyche pointed out that the frequent floods in the Waccamaw does serious damage to crops, pastures, timber, roads, and industrial properties. In addition, the frequent flooding makes adequate drainage of the fertile lowlands along the river impractical and thus seriously retards the development and use of these lands.

Following this discussion, the district supervisors passed a resolution heartily endorsing the proposed improvements, and instructed their secretary, M. L. Inman, to have a copy of the resolution forwarded to the Army Engineers Office at Charleston, S. C.

The chairman then called for brief reports from the four counties concerning the recent election of County Soil Conservation Committees. The last session of the North Carolina Legislature amended the Soil Conservation Districts law to provide for a county committee of three farmers in each county within a Soil Conservation District to help look after the affairs of the district in the respective counties.

Successful elections were reported in each of the four counties. A light vote was reported in each of the counties due mainly to the fact that many farmers are not familiar with the activities of the Soil Conservation District. It was pointed out, however, that this recent election had been a means of spreading information concerning the district. It is believed that the newly elected county committees will be helpful in acquainting farmers with the program of the district and thus cause more farmers to seek assistance from the district in solving their land use, soil conservation, and drainage problems.

The chairman appointed a committee composed of M. L. Inman, C. D. Raper and H. M. Stott, all of Whiteville, to handle preparation and publication of the report.

Broken Vessel Towed In Here

Storm Monday Resulted In Former Navy Craft Breaking In Half; Stern Reported To Be Still Afloat At Sea

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Brief News Flashes

Regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at one o'clock in the Community Building.

Earl's Cafe, Earl Milliken, proprietor, at Shallotte, has recently been enlarged to accommodate more times as many patrons as it formerly was able to handle.

The Mill Creek Baptist church will hold its annual Christmas program with Santa Claus present on Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Edward Redwine, who has been taking a course in auctioneering at a school in Mason City, Iowa, returned home this week. It is understood he plans to devote himself to tobacco auctioneering during the summer and fall.

Virgil West and his popular orchestra will play for the Christmas dance on Tuesday evening, December 22, at the Community Center building. Profits from this dance will go toward the fund for the purchase of a new fire truck for the city.

R. D. White, Jr., of Shallotte, returned from the service just two years ago, eighteen new business buildings have been constructed in Shallotte in the area from the plan to the high school (Continued on page four)

Commissioners In Session Monday

Routine Business Matters Disposed Of By Board, With Major Emphasis On Tax Matters

At their meeting here Monday, members of the Board of county commissioners voted unanimously to have the county attorney proceed at once with 87 tax foreclosure suits.

Permission was granted to Rebecca Fields heirs to segregate their interests and to pay 1947 and prior year taxes.

Upon recommendation of the board of assessors, D. H. Armstrong was ordered relieved of \$375.00 valuation.

Willie Boyd Robinson was ordered relieved of \$500.00 valuation on automobile lister through error.

The listing of property belonging to Hanson, Yarborough and (Continued on page four)

Full Program Being Planned

Sunday, December 21, Will Be Day For Observance Of Christmas In Departments Of Trinity Church

Sunday morning, December 21st Trinity Methodist church will present the Junior Choir and other children in a Christmas program at 10 o'clock in the sanctuary. Under direction of Mrs. L. D. Hayman and Miss Barbara Weeks, this choir will open the day's program with Christmas music and other features.

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Brief Break In Weather Helpful

Farmers of the County got a break from the weather last week and were able to increase the acreage in oats before more rains set in. The small grain acreage is said to be still far below normal. "Wet weather simply would not permit the plowing of land and sowing of seed," according to County Agent J. E. Dodson.

A good deal of progress has also been made in digging and storing sweet potatoes. Practically all of this crop has been harvested, despite unfavorable conditions. (Continued on page four)

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