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Farmers Should Plan Diversified Farm Program

This Is Done County Agent Says That Little Actual Harm Will Result From Reduction Of Tobacco Acreage

WAYS PREACHED BALANCED PROGRAM

Greater Emphasis On Soil And Feed Crops Average Farmer Will Be As Well Off Or Better Than Before

In the Brunswick tobacco cut 27-per cent for 1948, Agent J. E. Dodson was asked this week and asked was in prospect for the to take the place of the to- fields that are to be cut

can do lots of things to for the acreage loss," he "For years I have been ad- that we make a living at first of all. We have been to grow too much tobacco then using the money to buy and canned vegetables. The dollar, regardless of how it may look when the auc- is calling from very small floor, grows very small it is used to buy meat and things we can grow on farms.

tobacco crop," he contin- "requires too much care and from the average grow- especially from those who themselves with acreage. it begins to need attention neglect everything else. I known of cases where to- growers have even quit their cows, their time be- taken up with too much

While it is doubtful if all of the growers are prepared to the acreage reduction in same light that Mr. Dodson it, it seems sure than many see it this way. The coun- fortunate in being able to a wide variety of crops, in to tobacco. Some of these crops, especially food and crops, are even more valu- than tobacco.

Brief News Flashes

NEW HOME

Mrs. C. F. Southerland has into the new home re- purchased by her son, from Mr. and Mrs. Jack

REVIVAL MEETING

revival meeting will begin Monday evening, January 19, Leland Baptist church. The will be the Rev. Charles Howard, teacher of bible at Bell College.

P. T. A. TO MEET

regular monthly meeting Southport Parent-Teachers Association will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock high school auditorium. Thompson McRacken, presi- urges a full attendance.

BASKETBALL

county basketball schedule Friday night calls for a double at Southport between the teams and those from Wac- The Leland lads and las- will invade Bolivia for a bill.

LIONS CLUB

regular first of the month of the Southport Lions was postponed last Thurs- due to the fact that the date New Year's Day. The first of the month will be tomorrow (Thursday) at one at the Community Center

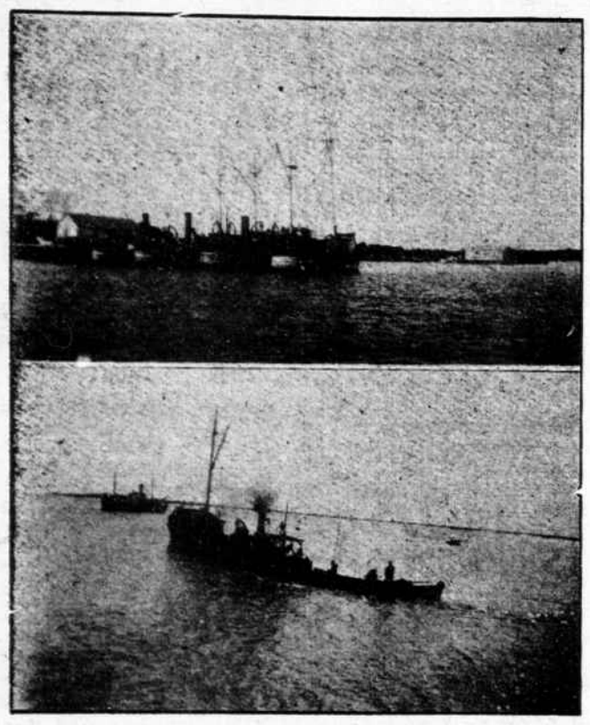
MONDAY VISITOR

John P. Wonsavage, a former of the Southport high faculty, was a visitor here short time Monday. Now at New Bern with the Aeronautics Authority, the school teacher served in Navy before accepting a job the CAA.

RETURNS TO CHINA

D. Mercer, chief elec- mate in the Navy and aboard the Cruiser At- has returned to Tsingtao, after visiting many of the ports in the western He is the son of Mr. Mrs. R. E. Mercer of Bolivia.

Menhaden Recognized As Greatest U. S. Money Fish



Coast Of North Carolina Is One Of Centers Of This Industry Along The East Coast Of United States

BY BILL SHARPE

You've probably never taken a bite of America's No. 1 fish, but don't grieve about it. Most people think the menhaden is too oily to eat, but nevertheless, this little bluish-white sea-critter has toppled the profitable Pacific "sardine" (pilchard) from its throne as the nation's most valuable fish.

1946 Department of Interior reports show menhaden yielded some $10,000,000 worth of oil, meal and dry scrap. To extract this much money from the lowly mossbunker required the taking of 900,000,000 fish (20 per cent of the nation's total catch), and to take 900,000,000 menhaden required a lot of work, much of it dangerous, all of it laborious. The profits, however, kept everyone in the industry in a rather good humor.

Aside from the ship-to-shore radio service, the taking of menhaden is as conventionalized and simple as any business in the world. When the school is sighted, a "seine-netter," using a "striker-boat," rows to the edge of the slick to indicate its position and to support the corkline after the net is set.

Two powered purse-boats then leave the mother ship, and head for the front of the school, separate, release the seine, and then encircle the fish. The boats bring the two ends of the net together, and a tom-weight is heaved overboard for anchoring and closing the bottom and guiding the purseline as it is hauled in to "purse" the net.

The two purse boat crews gradually webb the net, concentrating the fish toward the striker boat. Now the trawler moves in and

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Campaign Being Lined Up For County-Wide Rat Killing

Reported That Three Of Five School Districts Have Already Been Organized For Participation In Rodent Control Plan

PROGRAM MEETS WITH MUCH FAVOR

Citizens Of Brunswick Apparently Feel That Too Much Annual Loss Is Being Suffered From This Cause

It is understood that only the Leland and Southport school districts now remain to be lined up for the county-wide rat killing campaign that is to be inaugurated in Brunswick county some time this month. With the organization of these two communities a definite date will be set. Full details as to the date and methods of the campaign should be available for publication by next week.

A very strong sentiment in favor of the campaign appears to exist all through the county. The estimated two hundred thousand dollars yearly loss in the county from rats seems to be just a little more than the average Brunswick citizen is willing to stand for.

At the same time it is pretty well understood that individual efforts to dispose of the pests will not go very far. If one householder sets to and gets rid of his rats it is only a matter of a week or two before his place will be overrun again from neighboring houses. Many years of experimenting in many states have revealed that the only way to get rid of rats for any length of time is to have county-wide, organized, rat-killing campaigns.

Brunswick is planning for that.

Loses One Dog— Finds Another

J. E. Gilbert, who lives near Supply and gets his mail from Bolivia, found a dog and lost his own dog in the woods near Orton on New Years Day.

If anybody out that way lost a dog and found a dog that day, it must be Mr. Gilbert's and he will be glad to swap back.

Mr. Gilbert's dog (the one he lost) is a red hound. The dog the other fellow lost and which Mr. Gilbert found, is likewise a red hound. The only difference is that Mr. Gilbert's dog, (the one he lost) is older that the one the other fellow lost and which Mr. Gilbert found.

Seed Cleaner Is Now In Operation

Tobacco Farmers Invited To Take Advantage Of Free Service Being Offered At Office Of County Agent J. E. Dodson

Now set up at the County Agents office at Supply for the benefit of tobacco growers who grow their own seed, a tobacco seed cleaner is available for the cleaning of all such seed taken there.

No charge is made for the cleaning of tobacco seed and very little delay is experienced. The machine is said to have a capacity of 25-pounds of seed per hour and very few if any Brunswick growers use that much tobacco seed.

In addition to cleaning the seed of all trash and dust the machine separates the lightweight from the heavier seed. This is considered very advisable as the heavier seed is the more desirable. They produce stronger and hardier plants and this may be a factor in determining the quali-

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Busy Term Of Court Expected

Clerk Of Court Sam T. Bennett Expresses Belief That Practically Entire Time Will Be Used For Criminal Cases

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett states that about 40 criminal cases are scheduled to be heard at the mixed term of criminal and civil court that is to convene here Monday, Saturday 19. In addition to the criminal cases a civil docket much longer than usual is waiting for disposal.

In view of the number of criminal cases lawyers who are in-

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Southport Men Attend Funeral

Henry W. Sell, respected citizen of Monroe, Union County, died at his home Monday afternoon after a considerable period of failing health. He was approaching his 95th birthday.

Burial was held yesterday in the Mill Creek cemetery, near Monroe. Mr. Sell was the father of A. C. (Sparkey) Sell, Southport barber. With his son, Harry Sell, Mr. Sell attended the funeral.

Man Faces Trial For Auto Theft

Southport Colored Man Arrested In Mullins, S. C., And Returned To This County To Face Charges

During the Christmas holidays John Brinson, local colored man is reported to have stole a car, the property of Frey Joy of Wilmington, who was visiting his mother, Mrs. Lottie Hazelton, in Southport. Brinson, a 42-year-old man, picked up three local colored girls and drove them to Wilmington in the stolen car.

Arrested in Wilmington by city police, he made his escape on foot, leaving the stolen car and his girl friends behind him.

With Wilmington police, the State Highway Patrol and Southport officers all anxious to give

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Employ Brendle For Street Work

Engineer Will Be In Charge Of Maintenance And Improvement Of City Streets And Will Perform Other Duties

Richard L. Brendle, Southport man and civil engineer with many years of experience, began work with the city of Southport on January 1st. His work is tentative, for a period of 60 days, at the end of that time he may be permanently employed.

Mr. Brendle's duties will be the supervision of all street and sewer work, the hiring and firing of employees of that department and to see that all such work is carried out on time and with all employees properly paid for the duties they perform. He will read all light and water meters and have such reports ready for billing at the proper time the first of each month.

At each month's meeting of the board of aldermen he is to make a report of all work done and requirements and he will have charge of all city tools, equip-

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Action Ordered In Payments To Forestry Dept.

Commissioners Order Two Payments Monthly To Be Made Forestry Department To Insure Cooperation

BOARD PROTESTS INSPECTION ZONE

Commissioners In Regular Session Here Monday Disposed Of Other Routine Matters Of Business During Day

Members of the board of county commissioners in session here Monday passed an order instructing County Auditor R. C. St. George to make two payments monthly to the Forestry Department as Brunswick county's share in the protection program until all back payments have been met.

This stand was taken in the face of recent threats to withdraw State support from the forestry program now functioning in Brunswick. The commissioners indicated that they have no desire to see any curtailment in the matter of forest protection in this county.

Two road matters were given approval of the board. The petition of a group of citizens of the Hickmans Crossroads section to have a two-mile section of road running to U. S. No. 17 was passed upon favorably. The commissioners also approved the request of Kingtown citizens that a "speed zone" be established in that community and forwarded this request to officials of the State Highway Commission.

Members of the board expressed their displeasure over the fact that apparently the Inspection Lane program of the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Bureau has been set up so that persons from Brunswick must travel to Lumberton for their inspection. Steps have been taken to correct this arrangement, if possible.

In matters of routine business, Alice Davis was relieved of $50.00 valuation for a lot listed through error; tax settlement for Piver and Williams was ordered upon the basis of total payment of

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Teacherage Work Will Start Soon

Members Of Board Of Education Decide To Begin At Once On Rebuilding Teacherage At Waccamaw School

At their regular monthly meeting here Monday night members of the Brunswick County Board of Education decided to begin at once on the work of rebuilding the teacherage at Waccamaw.

Meanwhile, the eighteen persons who made their home there before the building was destroyed by fire during the holidays have found places in private homes of the community and have resumed their teaching duties.

Some help in the matter of replacing their lost belongings was received during the past week when about $135.00 was raised

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Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

One of the new subscribers to this paper, a western New York State man who is planning to move to Brunswick this year, writes us that in his part of New York State they sometimes get completely snowed in for seven or eight weeks at a time. The past two weeks have been especially bad. To hundreds of Brunswick county boys and girls who have never seen the ground covered with snow the stories and pictures of the recent snows in New York and over much to the country were very alluring—probably just as alluring as our sunshine is to the boys and girls who live out there.

Elwood Cheers and Alton Milliken of Shallotte, both of whom are to graduate at an electrical school in Chicago next month, have been having something in the way of snow to write home to their folks about. They have seen more snow in a day this winter than they ever before saw in all their lives. Both say they will be kind of glad when they finish in Chicago and get home again.

Returning from a vacation in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Womble spent the past week with Mrs. Womble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Holden, at Shallotte. Mr. Womble is instructor in Music at the Pinehurst school and has charge of a 50-piece band there. Their young son, Guy, F., Jr., who recently had an attack of infantile paralysis, is doing nicely in the hospital at Gastonia and will be able to return home in another month. He is said to show little trace of the disease.

Spectators at the benefit basketball game here Friday night got their money's worth in more

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Board Of Directors Approve Bid For REA Extension In Brunswick-Columbus

Gause Trial Scheduled To Begin In New Hanover

Shallotte Negro Charged With Shotgun Slaying Of Jim Williamson To Get Second Trial

For the second time Leon (Scooper) Gause, Shallotte negro, will go on trial for his life in New Hanover Superior court next Wednesday morning, according to information received by this paper. Gause is accused of the murder of H. Jim Williamson, well known Shallotte farmer.

Captured after an exciting man hunt lasting over several days—during which he is said to have exhibited the cunning of a fox, Gause admitted the crime to the arresting officers. No denial of the slaying was made during the previous trial, heard in Wilmington last year.

Convicted and sentenced to die, a new trial was granted by the Supreme court on the ground that an error was made in the charge to the jury. During this trial and subsequently, Gause put on a show of insanity. It is generally conceded that he is of low mentality.

Officials Of Shallotte To Crack Down On Speeders

Safety Demands That Speed Limit Law Be Enforced As Automobiles Pass Through This Busy Community

REGARDED AS NO. 1 PROBLEM

Mayor Leon Galloway Says That Every Consideration Possible Will Be Shown Visitors To Town

Despite its speed limit of 20-miles per hour through the business district, northern tourists enroute to Florida are apparently of the opinion that No. 17, through Shallotte, is a speedway, according to Mayor Leon Galloway.

The traffic problem seems to be the most perplexing thing the Shallotte officials have to deal with. They have no desire to have motorists think their town is a speed trap. Neither have they any desire to have motorists flash through town at a speed in excess of both state laws and the towns ordinances.

With the business houses being on both sides of the highway and many people crossing from one side to the other about every minute, it is extremely dangerous for these pedestrians to have cars whizzing through at 50 to 60 miles per hour. Very few slow down to the prescribed 20-miles per hour that the town ordinances call for.

Mayor Leon Galloway said Saturday that as much as they hated to be discourteous to tourists the interests of public safety demands that the town hold down the speed of cars when they are passing through town. They intend to clamp down tighter and tighter on speedsters.

Kingtown Folks Ask "Speed Zone"

We don't know who is kidding who, but among the matters of business brought before the board of county commissioners here Monday was a petition from a number of residents of the Freeland commissioners here Monday was a petition from a number of residents of the Freeland community requesting that a "speed zone" be established in the Kingtown section.

This is not the first petition to be presented by residents of that community relative to roads, but all of the others have had to do with road improvement. As a matter of fact, memory of the last trip made to that community leaves room for considerable doubt that much speeding can be done over the road through Kingtown.

Could be that those people want some response to their requests, and if they cannot get it one way they will take it another.

Teen-Age Club Holds Meetings

Weekly Sessions Of Young People Of Community Held At Community Center Building Under Adult Direction

The Community Center building, now used each Saturday evening by the 'teen-agers, is affording some healthy and wholesome recreation for the young folks, with various citizens being the hosts and hostesses on each occasion.

As indicated by the name, "Teen Ages," the meetings are mainly for the young folks of the 7th through the 12th grade in school, the older attendants being the hostesses and chaperones. This past Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loughlin were the host and hostess, with Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Thompson McRackan assisting.

Square dancing is usually a feature, with checkers and all

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Plant Man To Come Next Week

Everett H. Sheppard Is Making Plans To Expand Operations For Producing Tomato Plants Locally

Everett H. Sheppard of Shiloh, N. J., is due to arrive here this week with machinery to begin clearing and plowing his land on the River Road to grow tomato plants this spring.

Mr. Sheppard has one tract of 25-acres that was sown in small grain in the fall. The grain was planted as a cover crop and will be plowed under when he is ready to sow his tomato seed.

The immediate task is to begin clearing a 135-acre tract that he leased last year. As much of this tract as can be gotten ready in time will be planted in tomato seed this year. The balance

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Traffic Charges Heard In Court

Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Last Wednesday Again Featured Traffic Counts

Once more last week trial of cases growing out of arrests for violation of traffic laws were responsible for the majority of actions before Judge W. J. McLamb. The following disposition of cases resulted:

Salvatore DiGomes, speeding, costs.

Nemi Grady, assault with deadly weapon, 90 days on roads, suspended on condition that defendant pay costs, in the amount of $25.95 and pay dental bills totalling $161.00.

James Archie McCrary, speeding, $5.00 and costs.

John Toniasini, speeding, $10.00 and costs.

Earl T. Carswell, speeding, $15.00 and costs.

John W. Hewett, drinking on highway and disturbing peace, $15.00 and costs.

Robert Price, public drunkenness, $10.00 and costs.

Worth Ivey, violating stock law, continued.

Freeman Hewett, no operator's license, $25.00 and costs.

Woodrow Lewis, drunk driving, motion for jury trial.

Ellis H. Roberts, speeding, $10.00 and costs.

J. W. Smith, reckless operation, $25.00 and costs, fine remitted.

John A. Campbell, failure to dim lights, costs.

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Approximately 400 Miles Of Power Lines Covered By Bids Opened Tuesday By Directors Of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation

ALMOST MILLION DOLLARS INVOLVED

Transmission Lines, Sub-Stations, Etc., Covered By Bid; Figures Taken To Washington For Final Approval

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation in Shallotte Tuesday bids were opened for labor contracts on 400 miles of new transmission and distribution lines. 160 miles of this distance is in Brunswick county and 240 in Columbus.

The spending of $998,000.00 in the building of new distribution and transmission lines, substation equipment, etc., is involved.

Of the several bids submitted and opened, that of Z. A. Sneeden's Sons, of Wilmington, was the lowest and received the approval of all directors. E. D. Bishop, manager of the REA, was instructed to go immediately to Washington with this approved bid and all supporting data, and to stay there until it is approved by the Washington headquarters, who must pass final judgment on whether it will be accepted or rejected.

In an interview this morning Superintendent Bishop stated he was leaving for Washington Monday with the Sneeden's Sons bid. Bishop, along with all of the officers of the organization, is very anxious for immediate action. The bid covers the clearing of all of the rights of way and the erection of the poles.

The official called attention this morning to the fact that bids of the same nature as the present ones were opened on the 7th of November, 1947. They were rejected by the Rural Electrification Administration on the grounds that they were too high. The present bids are considered much more in line.

J. L. Robinson, Whiteville, Route 1, is president of the Brunswick REA. LeRoy Mintz, young Shallotte man, is secretary-treasurer, B. O. Vannort of Charlotte is the engineer. Bishop has been manager since the organization a number of years ago.

County Farmers Using Phosphate

Many Growers Have Taken Advantage Of Opportunity To Improve Fertility Of Their Soil With AAA Assistance

Putting it under rye grass and various winter legumes, Brunswick farmers put out the enormous total of 811 tons of superphosphate during the past fall. Most of the land on which this fertilizer was used will go in corn in the spring.

Under the AAA soil conservation program this phosphate costs the farmers only $6.60 per ton. The actual cost is $21.00 per ton but the AAA pays $14.40 of the amount.

Although it was too wet to get out the normal small grain crop, a special effort was made to get out winter legumes and thereby take advantage of buying the phosphate at the low price that the AAA made possible.

Navassa Negro Is Held For Murder

James Kaiser Charged With Inflicting Fatal Injuries To Perry Munson Following Trouble Between The Two

Perry Munson, Navassa negro, employed by the Virginia Carolina Chemical company, died instantly Saturday morning after being struck by James Kaiser, also colored, with a piece of iron pipe.

The trouble is said to have started the night before when Munson struck Kaiser. Following this row Kaiser is alleged to have laid for Munson and to have struck him on the head with the

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