

The Pilot Covers
Brunswick County

Brunswick Farm Bureau Elects Ward President

Wood Farmer And Business Man Again Leads Strong County Organization Of Farmers

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Organization Now 482 Members Who Are Enthusiastic Over Program Of This Group

Brunswick County Farm meeting at Supply Thursday was well attended with 85 per cent of the 482 members present. Last year the organization had 471 members. Secretary J. J. Hawes states that members present at the meeting were a representative body of citizens from all sections of the county.

Officers elected for the year are: Tom T. Ward, incumbent, president; J. J. Hawes, incumbent, secretary-treasurer. Six directors were elected, one from each township, these are Jackson, Leland, George Earl, Ernest, Ash, C. Frank Lennon, and Elroy King, Free-

holders. The State Convention at Asheville February 1-3 will be attended and delegates were elected to attend and represent Brunswick. These are: Williams, delegate, Elroy; alternate, Earl Thompson; J. J. Hawes, alternate; H. Brown, delegate, Carl; alternate, Jackson B. B. delegate, Sylvanus L. Purnell; alternate, W. Ernest Stana; delegate, Mannon C. Gore; alternate, Charles W. Harvell; alternate, Paul Brown, alternate.

A general discussion of the county was united in praise of the organization and its power for the county, as every-where in the Farm Bureau is strong members, strong in leadership, with a united front to fight the rights of each farmer to his share of the national income.

Mr. Hawes said Mr. Hawes American farmer has been most poorly organized in the country. Today, as to the Farm Bureau organization with its millions of members, he has a voice and a hand for better living."

Brief News Flashes

BERGOES OPERATION

W. R. Bomberger of Southport underwent an operation at the U. S. Naval hospital in Annapolis, Md., Monday.

RETURN FROM BOSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fodale and Mrs. Fodale returned home from their week's visit to relatives in Boston, Mass.

MEETING

The regular weekly session of the Southport Lions Club will be held at the Community Center building tomorrow (Thursday) 7 o'clock.

HOME ON VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bronson, of Alabama, spent part of the week here with relatives. Mrs. Bronson is visiting Mrs. Bronson's brother, Frank S. Bronson, at Moultrieville, S. C.

LANDING SHIP

White, seaman second class in the Navy and son of Mr. White, of Leland, is serving aboard the landing ship USS LST-1007 operating with the amphibious forces of the Atlantic Fleet.

CAPITAL MOVES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Sanders moved from their apartment in the J. W. Thompson building to the house on the corner of Main and Lord St. formerly occupied by the Doshers.

WOMEN'S MEETING

The Women's Missionary Union Conference will be held at Antioch Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon on January 27, according to announcement of Mrs. Martin B. W. M. U. superintendent. Interested in this work are invited to attend.

HELP FOR THE NEEDY



SHOES THAT FIT are something new to these Greek boys. Through American gifts these necessities have arrived. The overseas relief drive to be held in Brunswick county beginning next week will make possible scenes like this in Europe and Asia.

Good Year Reflected In Waccamaw Bank Report

Capital Accounts At End Of Year Over Million Dollar Mark According To Review Of Operations

LOCAL OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

Prince O' Brien Re-Elected Cashier Southport Branch, Mrs. Rachel Corlette Assistant; J. E. Cook At Shallotte

The 23rd annual stockholders meeting of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was held in the banking room of the Whiteville office of the bank Friday afternoon. K. Clyde Council of Waccamaw, president of the institution, presided at the meeting in which more than 90 per cent of the 200 stockholders were represented in person or by proxy. J. N. Coburn of Whiteville, executive vice president, reported a successful year's operation. Net earnings after taxes and reserves amounted to \$5.10 per share, of which \$1.50 was distributed to stockholders in dividends during the year. At the end of the year, capital accounts for the bank totaled \$1,008,027.21, or \$50.40 per share.

In reviewing operations for 1947, Mr. Coburn reported that loans reached an all-time high of \$5,257,704.16 during the Summer period. He called attention to the wide diversity of loans which the bank made to meet the varied credit needs of customers.

"I believe our record is unique in this area in that at various times our note case has held loans secured by pickles, chickens, turkeys, bulbs, flowers and honey bees, as well as buggies and airplanes," Mr. Coburn commented. He referred to the broad services offered by the bank and added that, "Since the establishment of our trust department, the Waccamaw Bank is the only institution ever to offer complete banking service in Columbus County, and in many of the other areas served by the bank."

In a brief review of some of the history of the institution, Mr. Coburn pointed out that the bank has given special attention to small personal loans since 1926. The first FHA loan was made by the bank in 1936, and since 1939 a large volume of automobile and other installment credit has been handled.

During the past year, remodeling and enlarging the Whiteville quarters were practically completed. (Continued on page four)

Appreciation Of Gift Expressed

Gracious Letters Received Here From Members Of Waccamaw School Faculty Who Suffered Loss By Fire

This week Principal H. T. Sanders received a letter, addressed to "The Southport School Faculty and People of Southport" and signed by every member of the Waccamaw school faculty who lived in the order that the general public may understand that the Waccamaw teachers are appreciative of the gestures of sympathy that have been made towards them. The text of the letter is as follows: (continued on page two)

Valuable Hound Lost By Rabies

A fine deer hound belonging to F. M. Norris, Brunswick man who resides near Wampee, S. C., went mad last week and before it could be killed it is reported to have bitten several other good dogs in the community. Some other farm animals are also reported to have been bitten by the dog, but no verification or details are available.

Revision Made In Practices In Soil Plan

Payments To North Carolina Farmers For Compliance With Soil Building Program Will Be Less Than Last Year

TOTAL OF 17 ARE STILL ON LIST

Most Of Those Formerly Carried Out By Farmers In This County Included In Program

With the U. S. Department of Agriculture calling for continued high production in 1948 North Carolina farmers are faced with additional difficulties this year in conserving and building up the fertility of their soils, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the Production and Marketing Administration State Committee.

Though the State's farmers have never been able to carry out in any year all of the soil conservation practices recommended by technical experts, they will receive this year less than half as much. Federal aid as they received in previous years for conserving practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program, Scott said.

Seventeen practices are approved for the 1948 ACP for North Carolina compared with 23 in the 1947 program.

Even though the 17 soil-saving practices in the 1948 program include most of the major practices used by North Carolina farmers in past years, Scott points out (Continued on page four)

Stockholders To Meet During June

Change Made In Annual Meeting For Members Of Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation

At the last special meeting of the board of directors of the Brunswick REA in Shallotte approval was given an amendment to the by-laws, providing for the annual meeting to be held the Wednesday following the second Sunday in June, the first such meeting falling on Wednesday, June 9th, this year.

Heretofore the annual meetings have been held on the second Saturday in July. This date was very unsatisfactory to many of the members and officers, who decried the meeting, which was chiefly devoted to plans for the big expansion of the service, which is hoped will get underway shortly. (Continued On Page 5)



W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

Writing that he hopes we will think of him when we catch a big bass with a minnow that is caught in the trap that he was sending us, Walter Horvath of New York City sent us an honest-to-goodness minnow trap this week. It was the real thing, a trap of the kind we have been wanting for the past seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Horvath were here with us for five days just after Christmas. Raymond Camp on the New York times sent them down. They both took a liking to Southport. Mr. Horvath says he hopes to get down again the latter part of February.

Final Approval Given Bids For REA Power Line

Washington Officials Of REA Approve Low Bid Submitted By Wilmington Concern For Big Project In Two Counties

HOPE TO START WORK IMMEDIATELY

About 400 Miles Will Be Added To Distribution Lines In Two Counties At Cost Of Million Dollars

The construction of 400 miles of new transmission and distribution electric lines in Brunswick and Columbus counties by the REA is expected to start within the next few days, according to E. D. Bishop, manager of Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation office at Shallotte.

Final approval for the construction of these lines was given in Washington this past week by J. K. O'Shaughnessy, chief of the REA and Wm. H. Grove, regional head. Bids for labor from the Z. A. Sneed's Sons, of Wilmington, were carried to the above officials in Washington by Superintendent Bishop after they had been approved by local officials of the unit.

The Sneed's Sons contracts call for the clearing of the rights of way and the erection of the poles. The REA office at Shallotte will follow up this work by its own workmen stringing the wires. Two hundred and forty miles of the new lines are to be built in Columbus County and 160 miles will be in Brunswick. However, 25 or more of the miles credited to Columbus will be transmission lines carrying current to Brunswick for distribution.

Nearly a million dollars, or to be exact \$988,000.00, is involved in the REA expansion project in the two counties. This money is already available and has been waiting for some time until labor contracts reached a figure that could be considered. During the past two or three years all bids are said to have been too high. Added to this, material that was necessary has not been available.

The expansion, much of which it is hoped will be completed this year, will make electric current available to thousands of new users in the two counties. In addition, much of the overhead that the REA has been carrying will be lifted and old users will have additional current available for the operation of motors and various electrical equipment.

Murder Suspect To High Court

James Kiser, Navassa Negro, Sent To Superior Court By Recorder W. J. McLamb Last Week

The regular routine of Brunswick county Recorder's court was changed Wednesday when a man charged with murder was brought before Judge W. J. McLamb. He was James Kiser, and probable cause was found, the defendant (Continued on page four)

No Action Likely In Conway Case During Present Term As Key Witness Is Missing

Fayetteville Jurist Impresses Members Of Group With Responsibility Imposed Upon Their Shoulders

ASKS THROUGH JOB OF INVESTIGATION

Charges Jury Members To Be Particularly Diligent In Their Inquiry Into Condition Of County Home

In a thorough and impressive charge to members of the Brunswick county grand jury here Monday morning Judge Q. K. Nimocks told the members of that body that they can be a powerful influence for either good or evil. "You are the most powerful body of citizens in your county, and the power and influence of this authority which has been vested in you may be exerted in either direction. You can work for the betterment or for the detriment of your county." Judge Nimocks dwelt at some (Continued on page five)

First Woman On The Grand Jury

On Monday Mrs. A. T. Butler of Navassa became the first Brunswick county woman ever named for service on the grand jury. She was sworn in for the full 12 months term for which all Brunswick county grand juries are drawn.

Paul Fodale, Southport seafood dealer, was named foreman and D. B. Edwards assistant foreman. The former later was excused from at least a part of his duties on the jury, thus passing along to Mr. Edwards most of the responsibility of the job of foreman.

Other members of the jury include: W. T. White, Pearce Cranmer, J. A. Hewett, J. L. Mintz, J. P. Swain, Robert Hawes, Raleigh Varnum, Odell Jenrette, C. W. Hewett, S. P. Cox, Floyd Washington Hewett, J. L. Clemmons, J. B. Norris, Weston Willetts, Clyde Benton.

Principle Witness Ill And Unable To Appear Before Grand Jury, Thus Delaying Return Of Bill In Case

FIRST TWO DAYS SEE FEW TRIALS

Principal Action Was To Select And Charge The Grand Jury, Settle Divorce Cases, Continuances

Solicitor Clifton L. Moore stated this morning that the bill charging Captain Edward I. Conway with murder could not be presented to the grand jury and no action could be taken in the case at the present term of court.

Captain Conway, who is Fleet Captain of the Brunswick River Lay-up Basin, was held by a coroner's jury under \$5,000 bond in connection with the death of Sheriff John White several months ago. The main witness, around whom most of the evidence against Captain Conway centers, is D. E. Tripp, a deputy under Sheriff White. Tripp was present when the defendant and sheriff allegedly had a scuffle while Conway was being placed under arrest on a traffic charge.

Not being present in court this week, an officer was sent for Tripp and returned with a note saying that he was ill in bed at his home.

Through yesterday afternoon no case of great public interest had been called for trial, and none of the inmates of the jail had been brought into court. It was reported this morning that some of these cases would be heard today.

Six divorce actions have been settled during the first two days of the term, and numerous cases have been continued or have been not prosed.

Included in the latter group was a nol pros with leave taken against M. L. Holden, who was indicted with Bert Jacobs for conspiracy to commit murder. The warrant against the latter, whose death occurred about two months ago, was marked "abate."

Highway Commission Calls For Bids For New Paving

Giant Rockfish Serves Banquet

A 21-pound rockfish, or strip-pier, caught on a trot line Tuesday morning by W. B. Keziah was immediately presented to Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Solicitor Clifton Moore and Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett. Getting the use of the cottage of Attorney Davis Herring at Long Beach in return for inviting him along, the clerk set up big preparations for a fish fry, just as soon as he found out he could sign on Principal H. T. Sanders of the high school as a cook.

Guests reported that never before had they tasted better fish, nor had they seen fish served in more plentiful portions.

Miss Green Now Back In County

Former George Reid Teacher At Shallotte High School Returns To Brunswick As Home Demonstration Agent

Miss Corrine Greene, who began her duties as home agent for Brunswick county the first of the month, has been making fine headway in meeting with the clubs, interesting additional women in joining up or in working individually in various ways for better living on the farms.

Miss Greene, a native of Simpsonville, S. C., taught home economics in the Shallotte high school for several years as George Reid teacher, leaving there to accept the same position with the Canton high school seven years ago. Her work at Shallotte was very gratifying and when the position of home agent for the county became vacant last August through the resignation of Mrs. Elwood Mintz, Miss Greene was elected to succeed her.

Still teaching at Canton at the time, Miss Greene's acceptance of the office was conditional on her continuing to teach until the first of the year, this allowing time for a successor to be secured for her work at the school.

In an interview this week Miss Greene said she was meeting all of the clubs at their scheduled January meetings, assisting to outline work for the year and kindred duties. She added that if there were any groups of Brunswick women wishing to organize home demonstration clubs, she hoped that they will get together and let her know when they plan to meet. If such dates do not conflict with others that she is already scheduled to attend, she will be glad to meet with them and assist with organization. She will do everything possible to help promote and carry on home demonstration club work.

It is suggested that if a group (Continued on page five)

Road From Grissetown To Ash, Joining No. 130 At Soldier Bay Baptist Church One Under Consideration

STRUCTURES AND GRADING INCLUDED

Other Project Is From Junction With U. S. No. 17 To Inland Waterway At Holdens Beach

The State Highway Commission is advertising for bids for grading and surfacing nearly 17-miles of roads in Brunswick county, the letting to be made on January 29. Estimates are being asked for grading, bituminous surfacing and structures.

One of these roads is that leading from N. S. No. 17 at Grissetown by way of Longway to a junction with No. 130 at Soldier Bay Baptist church in the Ash community. This distance is 8.92 miles.

The other project also leads from U. S. No. 17, making a junction with that highway at the J. E. Kirby store and running southward for a distance of 8.56 miles to the inland waterway.

W. O. Mangum is in charge of a group of highway department engineers now engaged in making a survey with regard to relocating the River Road as it leads from Southport toward Wilmington. The purpose of this project is to establish a route which will run through the central part of Southport when the River Road is hard surfaced.

Bolivia People Want Telephones

Residents Of That Community Have Made Some Preliminary Investigation Into Matter Of Relieving The Situation

Claiming that all business was badly handicapped by the lack of telephone facilities, W. A. Kopp and other residents of Bolivia are looking about for anything that gives a promise of relieving the situation.

Mr. Kopp said this week that the most practical solution seemed to be in constructing a line or lines from Supply through Bolivia to Winnabow and from there get hooked up with the Bell line to Wilmington or Southport.

A recent survey was made of the potentialities of such a line and 40 residences and business houses at the two places and along Route 17 agreed to install phones if the line is built. Many others along the same route are also listed as potential subscribers.

As matters now stand residents of Bolivia have to go seven or eight miles to reach a phone to call a doctor, ambulance or transport business over a phone. Mr. Kopp said that telephones were the most acute need of the community. (Continued on page two)

Big Fine Imposed In Speeding Case

Fine Of \$200.00 And Costs Taxed Against Bill Lewis At Weekly Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Allegedly driving his car all of the way from Leland to the South Carolina state line at a speed of 75 to 85 miles per hour, Bill Lewis, Leland man, was called upon to pay a fine of \$200.00 and costs in court here this past week.

Lewis was followed entirely across the county by State Highway Patrolman J. C. Taylor, of Leland. The officer recognized Lewis when he flashed by and he also got the number of the Lewis car. Realizing that an attempt to catch him would only provoke Lewis to greater speed and make him a still more dangerous menace on crowded Route 17, Patrolman Taylor merely kept Lewis in sight until he crossed the state line. The arrest was made later when Lewis returned to North (Continued on page 4)

Taking Orders For Rat Poison

Plans Being Laid For Coordinated Campaign To Rid Brunswick County Of Its Population Of Rats

Although the preliminary steps to the rat killing campaign throughout Brunswick county started up only Monday, indirect reports are that a large volume of orders for the bait are finding their way to some of the schools each day.

Contrary to previous information, it is understood that only about one dollar will have to be expended for enough bait to kill the rats on the average property. The price will be one dollar for three pounds of the mixture.

Cards with the following information are being mailed out from the office of County Agent J. E. Dodson: "Give or send to your school (Continued on page Two)