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Public Health

It is our understanding that members of the board of county commissioners still have the matter of creating a part-time public health department for Brunswick county under advisement and that their action of appointing a county nurse at the last meeting does not necessarily close the door on the prospects for the expanded program.

Since we believe this to be true, there are a few pertinent facts which we would like to point out.

The first of these is that if the part-time health department is created, Brunswick county will have the full-time services of a public health nurse (which might very well be the same young lady named last week as county nurse); would have two-thirds time from a trained sanitarian; would have a full-time office clerk; would have one-day per week services of a public health doctor.

Most important is the fact that with this organization Brunswick county would then be affiliated with the State Board of Health and would have full access to the services of that department.

This sounds like a lot for the additional expenditure of only \$1,450.00 on the part of Brunswick. The remainder of the cost of the program will be paid by the State and Federal government, who do not now contribute one cent toward the salary of the county nurse. It is a fact that more Federal aid, and possibly additional State aid, may be forthcoming within another year, but it will be available only to counties who are cooperating in the maintenance of a public health program.

We believe that the county commissioners are in favor of the expansion of the program, but hesitate to obligate the county to pay out another \$1,450.00 they do not know where is coming from. To work out an answer to this question may be a headache for the board, but if it may be answered in the affirmative, there is reason to believe that the re-establishment of a public health program in the county may be the finest lasting tribute to the members of the present board of county commissioners.

Don't Take Chances

We wouldn't say that we are exactly superstitious, but we do think that there is no particular point in antagonizing the Gods of Goor Fortune. Therefore, it is with some misgiving that we have printed elsewhere in today's paper a report that there have been no drownings reported at a beach resort in Brunswick county during the past quarter century.

Now we do not mean this as an invitation to some self-designated daredevil to go out beyond his depth and wear himself out. Wherever the water is over your head, there is a possibility of drowning, and it always is well to exercise every possible safety precaution when working or playing about the water. But we do believe that there are certain natural factors which help to make the Brunswick county coastal area unusually safe for bathers.

For one thing, it is unusual for the coastline to run east-west as it does along our section. This means that the prevailing summer breezes blow straight in to the beach. The long arm of Frying Pan Shoals provides a certain measure of protection to the natural cove which it helps to create. But perhaps the most important feature contributing to this safety angle is the shallow depth of the water along our shores. Reference to coastal charts show this to be true.

This means that when the breakers come rolling in, they flatten out instead of pouring over into deep water, creating strong and dangerous undertow. The result is a beach condition that is as safe as nature can make it; and its gravest hazard is the human element which always must be reckoned with.

This latter is the factor about which we have misgivings when we urge all guests at Brunswick county beaches this summer to help preserve our record for safety.

Rain Damage

The recent rains that damaged some tobacco directed the thoughts of many farmers to the Soil Conservation Service which has aided many leaf growers in establishing practices which minimize such damage.

The most extensive damage, according to Frank Glover of the SCS, occurred on hillsides where erosion in the past years has removed from 50 to 75 per cent of the top soil. The thin layer of top soil took all the water it could hold and then the subsoil, which is mostly sticky clay, could not absorb the water fast enough. Consequently there was a large "run off" and severe erosion occurred. When the rain stopped and the sun came out, the excessive amounts of water in these areas caused severe flopping of tobacco. Badly eroded land is unsuitable for the production of good tobacco in either wet weather or dry weather.

The next highest damage occurred on long gentle slopes where the rows were run up and down the hill. Water started running down the row middles near the top of the hill, and the longer the row the more water was accumulated, flooding the lower ends of the rows as it reached the flat land. The flat areas at the ends of the rows were so badly flooded or saturated, that much tobacco drowned or flopped.

The third condition under which major damage occurred was where tobacco was planted on "tabletop" flat land, especially where accumulated ditch banks were high enough to keep the water out of the open ditches and make a "lake" out of the field when the heavy rains fell. The surface water just could not get off fast enough to keep the soil from sobbing, and tobacco from flopping.

Conservation practices can, and did in a number of cases, reduce greatly the damage to tobacco under these storm conditions. Terraces and contour tillage will prevent excessive concentration of water, will reduce erosion, and help the farmer conserve his "top soil." so that future damage to the land and to tobacco will be held to a minimum!

With the present reduced tobacco allotments, each farmer should be very careful in selecting land for tobacco, and apply the necessary conservation practices so that storm damage can be held to a minimum and maximum production can be obtained. This is simply good business.

Soil Conservation Service technicians assigned to the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District can render valuable assistance to farmers in planning their farms and in applying conservation practices.

Aid For The Blind

We hasten to correct any false impression which may have been obtained through news items in the State press regarding solicitation for the blind. The National Association for the Blind was refused permission to seek contributions in this State because their service was already being rendered by the North Carolina Association for the Blind. Thus they had no outlet and no method of aiding citizens of this State.

Of course, the State organization has not been affected by the decision of the State Welfare Board. The association which is fostered by the Lions Clubs is fully licensed and has rendered such outstanding service in the field of sight conservation that it merits the continued support of all citizens.

Remember that the North Carolina Association for the Blind is an approved organization and is worthy of your contributions. Their White Cane Drive is both legal and worthy.

In our opinion, it still isn't too late to send telegrams to Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Washington, D. C. urging that Congress take action on the federal aid to education bill.

In fact we believe that Congress should be bombarded with messages in support of this legislation.

Rovin' Reporter

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our beaches, we have been keeping in contact with Holden Beach for some time. This contact has not been as thorough as we would like. Conditions call for cooperation among the beach residents and we feel sure that cooperation will grow. Beginning the first of this month an organized contact with Long Beach was also started. There, as at Holden Beach, all matters of interest will be sought out and welcomed when the residents cooperate with tips to stories and items of news. With the inside and offshore fishing that is to be found along the coast of Brunswick, with their east-west shore lines that make them safe from storms at sea, our Brunswick county beach line is deserving of a lot of attention and is destined to become widely famed.

At the Seashore Grill at Long Beach this week Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bloumer showed us a 9-pound flounder they had just bought from Weston Brown. He had gilled it and a sizeable abg of others in the inland waterway back of the beach. Mr. and Mrs. Baucom are the folks who came to the beach on a visit three years ago and just haven't gone home yet. They never will. This couple deserves a great deal of credit for keeping the Seashore Grill open the year round and serving the public.

In various ways a lot of Brunswick folks came into contact with

Commander S. B. Haskell at the Caswell Section Base during the war. He was there a couple of years or more before being transferred. We remember him most pleasantly as having been our fishing companion, and on one occasion we were passing a large pile of saw dust and he asked us what it was! The Commander is in Cincinnati, Ohio, now. Writing this week with reference to his subscription to the Pilot he said, he hopes to be able to return for a visit soon.

Mentioning the various business houses on Long Beach last week, the Helms Fish Market was overlooked. This market is kept by J. Brice Helms, a Union county boy who came to the beach three years ago and forgot to ever return home. When they are scarce at the beach he buys his fish and shrimp at Southport. Sometimes, he says, he has bought shrimp and fish in Southport, taken them to Long Beach and sold them to some Southport folks who brought them right back here.

Carolina Beach, more or less like Southport, is on a dead-end road. Not so much lies beyond at either place. It is not surprising to see the continued talk of a highway bridge across the Cape Fear below Carolina Beach to the Brunswick side above Southport. Neither will it be surprising when such a bridge becomes a reality some day. Another bridge across the river is a "must." Should either the Northeast River bridge,

the Cape Fear or Brunswick river bridges be wrecked in any manner a great area of country to the south and west of Wilmington would be isolated. With the volume of traffic that is dependent on these bridges an alternate route in and out of Wilmington is a necessity.

A new service that is being offered by the Railway Express Agency should be of interest to shippers of shrimp, fish and other perishable products. It is a container or portable refrigerator, carrying about 400 pounds. It is not sold but is provided the shippers at a nominal rent, based on the number of hours it is in transit. Shippers of seafoods around Beihaven and Manteo are said to be using them by the hundreds to carry small shipments throughout this and adjoining states, thereby creating new markets, especially for shrimp. Information about these containers can be obtained at all express offices.

Whether or not it interests you, this reporter is becoming intrigued over the number of upstate doctors who own homes or building lots along the Brunswick county coast. Our guess is that there are between 50 and 100, with the number nearer the 100 mark, at Caswell Beach, Long Beach, Holden Beach, Shallotte Point and other spots. When your doctor wants to get away from his office and have a rest they look for a place where conditions are healthy and they won't be bothered with patients.

Most of the Holden Beach fishing fleet, boats that operate from the inland waterway at the ferry have come out from their winter hibernating and overhauling points. They are now poised, either to take out fishing parties or to go shrimping, when shrimp are to be found. The waterway at the ferry is a very busy point. Visitors and residents of the beach get a big kick and some very profitable catches out of fishing in the waterway at the ferry.

Using a large trailer parked in the rear of his home at Holden Beach, Dr. J. V. Davis who has retired from the practice of dentistry except for plate work, is all nicely fitted out with an office that is a bit unusual. He can work there when he wants to and can sleep there when he wants to. It is a mighty nice place to either work or rest.

Tobacco cropping and curing will get underway on a considerable number of Brunswick county farms this week, according to the look of things. Despite the fact that the crop is spotted, the general condition appears pretty good for a fine year. Much of the corn crop has already been laid by and many more fields are ready for the final work of cultivator or plow. The corn also looks somewhat spotted.

Pat Chandler, 14 year old son of Mrs. J. S. Chandler, of Fayetteville and Holden Beach is the champion sheephead fisherman of the year, according to all reports we have received. Fishing at the wreck of the old blockade runner Ranger, directly in front of the Holden Beach hotel Thursday he caught 9 large sheephead in a very short time. Two of his fish weighed four and a half pounds each. The others were almost as large. If anybody, anywhere along the coast of Brunswick has made a better catch or does make a better one, we would like to hear of it.

Zeke Stanton, of Lumberton, where he has been engaged in the automobile parts business for many years, tells us that he built the 18th house at Holden Beach

when that popular bathing and fishing spot started to develop. Few summers have come since then when his family has not spent the summer there. He comes down for each week-end to see how everything is going.

Crops in some parts of the county are exceptionally fine. In other parts they have suffered considerably from insects, especially the army worms in the corn. Tobacco is also being bothered. What would have been a good rain in many sections of the county the past week was soon outweighed by heavy, hot winds that quickly dried things up. Several farmers reported over the week-end that they were badly in need of rain again.

LITTLE PHIL AMONG

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From time to time the nurses at the hospital in Gastonia write letters home for Phil, to friends and to this paper. He was getting well.

But during the past several months nothing has been heard from Phil, at least not until Sat-

urday morning when Mack

to a reporter:

"If you write anything about last night, be sure and say that Phil was here."

Phil, now at home and well on the highroad to Wellville at home, happy as ever. He wears braces but can walk with a degree of ease. He was at Mack's with the crowd Friday night and his mother said:

"When Phil saw in the paper that Mack's would open tomorrow nothing would satisfy him but that we should promise to see him, so that he could see his ends again."

REVIVAL SERVICE

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year he has been directing music in one of the churches in Dallas, Texas. His ultimate ambition is to speak in church music.

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