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## TRUCKING TOBACCO



**HARVEST**—On farms throughout Brunswick county at this season workers are busy bringing tobacco in from the fields to the curing barn. Above is shown a comely lass who is driving the home-made tobacco slide for the day.

## Loan Rate For Tobacco Higher Than Last Year

**Agriculture Department Announces That Farmers May Borrow 3.9 Cents More Per Pound On Flue-Cured Crop**

### NEW FIGURE BASED ON COST OF LIVING

**Rates On Various Grades Of Leaf Expected To Range From 14 To 65 Cents**

Flue-cured tobacco farmers will be able to borrow on their 1948 crop at an average of 43.9 cents per pound, or 3.9 cents above the figure for last year, the Agriculture Department in Washington has announced.

The new loan figure is based on 90 cents of parity as of June 15. Parity is the government-estimated cost-of-living for the farmer and the cost of producing the tobacco.

W. P. Hedrick, marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, said his department had been notified of the new loan figure, and also was told that the schedule of rates by various grades would be announced later. They are expected to range from about 14 to 65 cents.

The U. S. Agriculture Department said that all CCC price support loans will be made available to cooperating growers during the 1948-49 marketing season for each specified type of tobacco through farmers cooperative and other responsible organizations.

## War Hero



**VERNON LEE HEWETT**, son of Mrs. Bertie Turner of Supply, whose body recently was returned to this country for interment at Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was killed in France on July 6, 1944.

## Measurements Show Width Of Strand

**Broad Beaches, Gradually Sloping, Feature Places Along Coast Of Brunswick**

With the results typical of getting over the 5 foot depth, what is to be found on all of the beaches on the Brunswick county coast, D. Stowe Crouse of Myrtle Beach, S. C., owner of Ocean Isle property at Gause Landing, has brought this paper some interesting figures relative to the strand at his beach.

The Crouse measurements show 400 feet of strand from the high tide to the low water mark at Ocean Isle. By sending a ham to wade in the surf with a measure, Mr. Crouse further ascertained that from the low water mark to a depth of 5 feet, at low water, the distance was 170 feet.

Since the average rise and fall of the tide is not over 4 feet on this coast, the Crouse measurements indicate that at high tide a bather can wade upwards of 400 feet without getting in water over five feet in depth. At low tide he can go 170 feet without

## Beer Petition Is Presented Here To County Board

**Document Bears Signatures Of Almost Twice Number Of Qualified Voters Required To Call Election**

### PETITION SENT TO ELECTION BOARD

**Commissioners Pass On Other Routine Matters Of Business At Postponed Session**

A petition calling for a special election to decide the question of the legal sale of beer and wine in Brunswick county was presented Tuesday to members of the board of county commissioners.

The commissioners held their first of the month meeting one day late due to the fact that the first Monday fell on July 5, which was being observed as a holiday.

The petition presented to the board bore the signature of 1256 registered voters, almost twice as many as were required, and the documents were delivered to the commissioners by T. T. Ward and Dave Ross.

Following is the text of the petition: "We, the undersigned, registered voters of Brunswick county who voted for governor in the 1944 election, request that an election be held for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Brunswick county the question of whether or not wine or beer or both shall legally be sold in Brunswick county."

After consulting with County Attorney E. J. Prévatt to determine that the petitions were in good legal form, the documents were ordered turned over to the Brunswick county board of elections for action required by law.

A petition was approved for requesting the State Highway and Public Works Commission to approve the addition of a 3-mile stretch of road to the state highway system. It runs from Mt. Pisgah to a point of intersection with U. S. No. 17 3 miles south of Supply at the Foot Cumbee place.

Oleta M. Clemmons was granted permission to pay 1947 and prior year taxes for \$400.00, due (Continued on Page 8)

## Skipper Involved In Incident Visits Home

**Captain Rudy Gray Of S. S. Martin Behrman Spending Some Time At Old Home In Brunswick County**

### CENTRAL FIGURE IN DUTCH ROW

**Controversy Centered About Ownership Of Cargo Being Shipped From Indonesia During War**

Now spending sometime at his old home near Holden Beach, waiting orders to resume command of his ship, Captain Rudy Gray, formerly master of the S. S. Martin Behrman, still gets a laugh but has not lost all of his irritation at the seizure of his ship and cargo by the Dutch, nearly a year and a half ago.

The Martin Behrman had sailed from Batavia to Singapore and put in at a Dutch port. She had aboard a cargo, the ownership of which was in dispute by reason of administrative or government changes. The Dutch sent an armed guard aboard the ship to seize it and the cargo.

Captain Gray, exercising his rights as an American citizen commanding an American owned vessel, defied the boarding party. The forceful language he used in telling the Dutch that they were pirates and several other things, attracted international attention.

Nevertheless, yielding only to armed force, he went ashore, leaving his ship in the hands of the Dutch, but not abandoning it. The Dutch unloaded the cargo, but meanwhile Captain Gray from his hotel was letting the world know about it.

The seizing of the ship created such a stir that the Dutch finally reloaded the cargo aboard the vessel and after 33 days Captain Gray was told he could return to his vessel and get the cargo out of there, or words to that effect.

He was not held a prisoner ashore. The ship was simply seized. (Continued on page four)

## Minesweeper Is Purchased Here

**YMS 397 Purchased Last Week By Brunswick Navigation Company And Will Be Converted Into Menhaden Fishing Craft**

Pleased with the performance of the two mine sweepers, purchased a year ago and converted into menhaden fishing vessels, the Brunswick Navigation Company has purchased another, the Y. M. S. 397.

R. F. Plaxco, general manager of the company, states that the new boat will arrive this week from Virginia and will be converted into a fishing boat as speedily as possible with the work being done here at the factory. The boat was purchased from the Virginia State Highway Commission which purchased it from the Navy with the intent of using it as a ferry boat. Finding another craft more suitable for conversion into a ferry, the highway commission decided to sell the 397.

Like the Plaxco and the Brunswick, the new boat is 136 feet in length and is in fine condition. It is powered by two 500-horsepower diesels which will give it a wide range in search of fish and the ability to get them home long distances without spoilage. The Plaxco and Brunswick, identical boats, are capable of making 17 or 18 knots per hour. (Continued On Page Four)

## Growth Of REA Is Remarkable

**From Modest Beginning, Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation Now Serves 3,000 Homes**

With only about 800 patrons in 1940, the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation is now serving 3000 homes and will be linked up with 5000 when the extension project is completed in the early fall.

This has been a remarkable growth, hard to understand when it is considered that instead of running wiring in thickly placed homes in towns and cities, the Brunswick REA has had to cover much of three counties, connecting only with scattered farms, communities and small villages.

The 5000 homes that the REA is serving or preparing to serve will represent more population than is found in a city of 20,000 (Continued On Page Four)

## Miraculous Escape For Plane Occupants

### Brunswick Boys Playing Good Ball

### THREE PASSENGERS AND PILOT SAFE

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## New Missionary For Association

**Special Meeting Of Brunswick Baptist Association Sunday Resulted In This Action; Organization To Back Beer Election**

At a call meeting of the Brunswick Baptist Association Sunday afternoon at Chapel Hill Baptist church, Shallotte, the Rev. W. R. Morehead of Wingate was elected associational missionary.

The Rev. Mr. Moorehead succeeds the Rev. George White, who resigned to accept a regular pastorate. The new associational missionary will reside in this county, probably at Bolivia.

Other business of the group included the passage of a resolution to support the movement for the beer and wine election. Members of the executive committee were charged with the responsibility of throwing the influence of their organization behind the movement. These men include: H. M. Baker, moderator; Floyd Hickman, Dennis Hewett, H. L. Clemmons, B. R. Bennett and Garland Bordeaux.

The inspirational message was a missionary sermon preached by the Rev. J. R. Allen.

## Summits Report On Vets Work

**Veterans Service Officer Makes Report Of Activity During Months Of May And June; Calls Attention To Services**

For the months of May and June Cecil Edwards, Veterans Service Officer for Brunswick county, has made the following report of activities through his office.

Received 124 letters, mailed out 106; had 9 long distance calls; had 308 interviews, made 22 field trips, discussed 56 educational matters, 3 employment cases, 19 readjustment allowance cases, 78 compensation and pension cases, 2 loans P. L. 346, 2 insurance, 1 hospitalization, 103 legal or business advice cases, 44 miscellaneous matters.

Relative to the services done by his office Mr. Edwards points out several matters that veterans and other interested parties should keep in mind. He says: "Veterans of the recent war who have never applied for their terminal leave allowance have until Sept. 7, 1948, in which to make application. All who are eligible for terminal leave pay should inquire at the office."

"Veterans on job training or on the farm training program and who have not received the correct amount of subsistence pay per month should contact the office and have corrections (Continued on page 4)

## Will Build House All In One Day

**Robert L. Jones, local contractor who has built more homes on Long Beach than any other man, is assembling material with which to erect a beach cottage in a single day's operation.**

Recently there has been owners about securing the services of a builder who could give them fast and economical construction. This one-day house idea will be the local contractor's answer to these prospective home-owners.

Jones has placed orders for everything necessary for the building of a 5-room cottage, and there is a possibility that Friday of this week will be set as the date for this all-out effort by a corps of workmen.

## Southport Boy Fatally Injured

**Edwin W. Doshier, Jr., Died Tuesday Morning Of Injuries Suffered In Fall While Playing Sunday**

A tragic death occurred at the Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock when Edwin W. (Dickie) Dozier, Jr., died as the result of internal injuries sustained in a fall while at play with other young boys Sunday evening.

The boy was regarded as one of the best-all-round youngsters of Southport, and news of his death was a general shock.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Dozier, Dickie and several other small boys were playing late Sunday afternoon. They were chasing each other and while running at full speed the boy slipped and fell, striking his chest on the cement curbing. He was able to get up and appeared for some time not to be seriously hurt.

Hemorrhages set in and he was rushed to the hospital where it was found he was suffering from a ruptured spleen and other internal injuries. An operation was performed without avail, and (Continued On Page Four)

## Lieut.-Governor Elect Buys Lot

**H. P. (Pat) Taylor Buys Building Lot At Holden Beach And Makes Plans For Constructing Cottage**

H. P. (Pat) Taylor of Wadesboro, Democratic nominee for Lieut.-Governor, purchased a residential lot at Holden Beach Monday. It is said that he contemplates the immediate construction of a summer home there. The lieutenant-governor-elect will make a fine addition to the fact growing list of influential citizens who are purchasing property on the Brunswick county coast.

Mr. Taylor's brother, Wayland Ward Taylor, of Chadbourne, also purchased a residential lot at Holden Beach Monday. His family spent last week at the beach. Like his brother, he plans immediate construction of a home.

Both of the Taylor's are understood to have real estate holdings at Ocean View, Va., but say they prefer to build their summer homes at Holden Beach. The Taylor's are nephews of V. L. Ward, who has been a resident of Holden Beach and vicinity for several years.



W. B. KEZIAH

## Our ROVING Reporter

"While I have not yet started developing Ocean Isle, I like all that home building stuff you are putting in the paper," said D. Stowe Crouse, Myrtle Beach realtor who owns the island at Gause Landing. Mr. Crouse amplified his statement by adding that the only way to build up a place is for the owners to build. "From what I know of them," he continued, "there are hundreds of the finest sort of people owning building lots at Holden Beach, Long Beach and Caswell Beach. The beach strands of Brunswick county are not excelled anywhere. The playgrounds only need developing and the folks who have bought building lots have greater power for developing than anybody else."

Red Barber of Charlotte and Long Beach had a birthday, Sunday, July 4th. He celebrated it by going fishing with us the second time this year. Mrs. Barber and Peggy told us to be careful with Red, it was the 4th of July in addition to being his birthday and he was still young.

It is generally known that tobacco marketing is hot work, especially for the auctioneer. Jimmie Wolt, one of the ace sellers of the weed on the Fairmont market when it is in operation, has been conditioning himself for this seasons work. All spring (Continued on page three)

Watermelons are now coming in generally and it appears that Bennie Price of the Bethel church community slipped one over us in

### Both Idle On And Botfly Brought In Good Catches During Past Week As Fishing Parties Here In Numbers

Starting Tuesday with a party of Whiteville men including W. F. Dyer of The News Reporter, the two party boats of H. H. Watts, the Botfly and the Idle On, have been both busy and successful.

The Whiteville party fished aboard the Idle On and came in with a nice catch of 122 large bluefish. In addition to Dyer, the party included W. M. Bojce, A. C. Yarborough, Ross Davis, H. H. Dannivant and H. E. Harrison.

Clyde Kendall and party of Salisbury were out Wednesday and caught 4 cero, 2 dolphin, 1 baracuda, 6 albacore and 100-lbs. of large sea bass.

The Fourth of July trip had a party headed by Mr. Ferabee of (Continued On Page Four)

### Jerry Gerard And Party Fishing Aboard Moja Monday Reported Very Nice Catch

Jerry Gerard, basketball coach at Duke University, made the prize catch of the week while fishing from the Moja of Captain Victor P. Lance on Friday Pan Shoals Monday.

Mr. Gerard got 10 blues, 2 baracuda and a 25-pound cabio. Others in the party with him aboard the Moja were Ray Gregg, Raleigh; C. H. Delake, Tarboro; S. C. Brawley, Durham; and E. T. Howard, Raleigh. They brought in a fine catch of baracuda, mackerel and bluefish. In addition to the catch made by Mr. Gerard.

The Duke coach said he had made several trips out with Captain Lance this year and last. Each trip he likes the Frying Pan Shoals better. For real fishing he says he knows of no better place on the coast than here along Brunswick county.

He expects to make several more trips here this summer before the University reopens for the fall term.

### Demand Grows For Builders

**Beach Property Owners Anxious To Secure Services Of Contractors Capable Of Doing Turn-Key Job**

Interviews within the past few days indicate that there is a growing demand on the part of beach property owners for contractors who can buy building material wholesale and turn out finished homes as specified in the contract and without there being a multitude of incidentals to make the finished job double what the original plans called for.

Scores of lot owners at Long Beach and Holden Beach are professional men, doctors, lawyers, etc., who would like to build (Continue on page 8.)

## Interests Turn To Water Sport

**Goldboro Man Has New Sailboat In Which Much Interest Is Being Shown; Leonard Davis Tries Aquaplaning**

With a pretty 19-foot Marconi rigged boat, R. W. Powell, Jr., of Goldboro and Caswell Beach is setting out to revive local interest in sail boating. Getting interested in sailing while he was a student at Harvard, Bob is now spending about all of his spare time on the Mermaid in Southport and Caswell harbor.

R. W. Powell, Sr., one of the owners of Caswell Beach, is just as interested in sailing as his son, although R. W. Jr. is the most active in finding opportunity to be on the water.

Approaching W. B. Keziah, (Continued on Page 8)

## Report Is Turned In By Health Nurse

**Lou H. Smith Submits Semi-Annual Report To Members Of County Commissioners**

### RETURNING TO HER OLD HOME

**Health Nurse Has Received Many Honors Recent Weeks From County Citizens**

Her last semi-annual report for the first half of this year was presented to the county health board on June 30, by Lou H. Smith, county health commissioner.

Expressed regret at leaving Brunswick county and the pleasure she derived through her work with each board of county commissioners during a period of a quarter of a century.

Months ago Mrs. Smith expressed regret at leaving Brunswick county and the pleasure she derived through her work with each board of county commissioners during a period of a quarter of a century.

Among the events held during the week before her departure was a county-wide picnic at Holden Beach. She also received a letter from the Shal-lotte Club and another that was presented through contributions in all sections.

Leaves Southport next week to return to her former home at Sumter, S. C.

During Mrs. Smith's last year in the county commission, she reported the period from January 1 to June 30 of this year: 430 visitors at her health matters.

291 homes, made 20 school, 10 trips out county, 16 visits to hospital, 12 visits with county officials, 12 visits with doctors, 9 typhoid clinics held, 2,480 typhoid given, 207 babies given diphtheria and whooping cough shots, 18 children given smallpox vaccination, 6 pre-school children held, 276 pre-school children vaccinated, 4 trips to the sanatorium, 10 trips to see specialists, 5004 miles driven.

During her work in Brunswick county, Mrs. Smith has with great reluctance, and she will greatly miss her work throughout this section.

She knows just how to thank those who have been so helpful and cooperative throughout the year I have spent in my work in Brunswick county, "I can't tell the people how much I appreciate the work they have paid me during the weeks I'll just have to say 'Thank You' to you all, and to say 'Goodbye, God Bless You.'"

## Brief News Flashes

**CAMP** Betty Jo Fulcher left for Camp Millstone where she will attend 4-H Camp.

**ROTARY** Earl Milliken of Shallotte, who is playing the Hawaiian recently entertained the City Rotary Club at one of their regular meetings.

**BARN DESTROYED** A tobacco barn full of tobacco which the curing was completed belonging to the residence of Shallotte was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

**CAR RECOVERED** A new Pontiac coach, belonging to Billy Wells was stolen from in front of the home. It was recovered late afternoon in Wilmington.

**CATCH** Some young Wilmington fishermen have been arrested for catching mackerel. Others in the area were Donald Berger, Francis Parker and the catcher. They made a catch despite the fact that the fishing was forced to stop early.