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Service Officer Continues Until December 1, '48

Action Taken Monday By Board Of County Commissioners Insures This Work For Remainder Of Their Term

MONEY MUST COME FROM BEER-WINE

Other Business Taken Up Before Board Consisted Chiefly Of Disposing Of Tax Suit Problem

Members of the board of county commissioners voted Monday to continue the work of Veterans Service Officer until the first day in December, 1948, which is the end of their term.

In making this provision, the commissioners stipulated that the salary for this work after September 1 must be paid from the beer and wine tax money that comes to county.

The action resulted when it appeared to the commissioners that it would be impossible to make payment of a Veterans Service Officer in the new budget without either dropping some necessary service, or without increasing the present tax rate.

Cecil Edwards, young Waccamaw township citizen, is serving as Veterans Service Officer for the county.

Following the day Julian Price tendered his resignation as superintendent of the county home, the action to become effective September 30.

Other business disposed of by the board consisted primarily of hearing some matters growing out of the tax foreclosure suits.

The commissioners ordered the Julian Pearson land deeded to W. Reaves for $160.00 and costs of the sale. The Annie Simon land was ordered deeded to H. A. Williams for $282.57, plus cost of the sale, the deed to be delivered upon final payment of the purchase price. A bid was passed allowing Mrs. L. Ward to afterlist 40 acres of land at $6.00 per acre.

No names were dropped from the county relief list, and provision was made for defraying the medical expenses of four patients at the Rapid Treatment Center in Durham.

Brief News Flashes

TRUCK OVERTURNS

A truck owned by the Brunswick REA and operated by Bert Russ overturned on the beach last Sunday afternoon. Russ and the other occupants of the car were given first aid at the Dosher Memorial Hospital.

FINANCES RATING

Friends in Southport will be interested in knowing that John Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Davis, has recently been promoted to 2nd Class Petty Officer. He is in the disbursing office of the U. S. S. Midway while the ship is at Norfolk at the present time.

LEGION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Shallotte Post No. 247 American Legion will be held at the Shallotte school building Friday, Aug. 6, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. Commander Mitchell S. McCoy and adjutant Cecil Edwards say that this meeting is an important one.

WALLACE WADE VISITOR

Wallace Wade, Coach of the Duke University Blue Devils; Wallace Wade, Jr., and Mrs. Wade and their little daughter, Barbara, and Mrs. Frances Clark, daughter of Mr. Wade, are spending this week at the Robinson Cottage at Caswell Beach. The Wade family spends a part of each summer at this Brunswick beach.

BAPTISTS WIN

The Southport Baptist church baseball team won a double header here Saturday afternoon, turning back Bolivia by a count of 5 to 5 and defeating Longwood by 2. Gene Russ was the winning pitcher in the Bolivia encounter with Tommy Bowmer behind the bat. Jimmie Radcliff was the pitcher for Southport in the Longwood game, with Doug Swain catching.

Brunswick Boys On Legion Team

Above are shown the Columbus County American Legion Junior baseball team which was runner-up in Area 2 play. Back row, left to right Bobby Stanley, Coach Buck Hardee, Jack Edmunds, Jack Meares, Felix Smith, **Sonny Ganey,** Dick Coburn, Sonny Callahan, Billy Hardee, Matt Nelson and Wayman Stanley. Seated, left to right are Jimmy Quinerly, Reid Caswell, Rone Anderson, **Billy McDowell,** Bermy Stevens, Rudy Williams, Billy Horton and **Tommie Bowmer.** Ganey is a Leland boy and McDowell and Bowmer are from Southport.

Inspection Lane Is Returning To County

Will Be Located At Shallotte Wednesday And Thursday Of Next Week; Will Be At Southport On Saturday And Monday

DEADLINE SET ON SOME MODELS

Owners Of New Cars And Very Old Cars Have Only Until August 31 To Comply With Program

Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane No. 28 will be in Brunswick county next week for the last time before the first of the deadlines recently established by the Department of Motor Vehicles in an effort to speed up compliance with the inspection law.

The lane will operate at Shallotte on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Friday will be spent in moving, and the lane will operate at Southport on Saturday and Monday.

August 31 brings the deadline for inspection of new cars and very old models. All 1947 and 1948 models must be sporting their blue sticker by that time, and so must all motor vehicles of 1936 and prior vintage.

The experience of the inspection lane officials has been that more and more motorists are realizing that the time is growing short for having these inspections made, and many are being wise in trying to avoid a last minute rush.

While August 31 is the deadline for these certain models, the inspection lane will inspect any vehicle of any model during the time it is operating in this county.

Thinks Tobacco Poundage Good

Waccamaw Township Grower Believes 1948 Tobacco Production Will Approach Last Year's Figure

Even with the 27 percent reduction that the growers were forced to take in acreage this year, the 1948 Brunswick county tobacco crop will go to near normal in poundage, said John B. Ward, Waccamaw township tobacco grower and former Judge of the Recorder's court this week.

Mr. Ward is basing his estimate on the fact that the crop is generally good. Last year with an equally good crop in prospect, practically all growers suffered heavy losses in the fields and at their pack houses from rains and moisture.

There were various estimates as to loss on last year's crop and there is no denying that it was considerable, both in actual loss of weed and serious damage to much of that which was not lost.

Mr. Ward pointed out this week that there has been little rain damage this year. In some fields there has been a little damage from dryness, but this was nothing like that which resulted from the rains last year.

Other growers in addition to the Waccamaw farmer, appear to think that the Brunswick county poundage is normal, or about that, despite acreage reduction.

Colored Teachers Outnumber Whites

County Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning stated this week that the teacher positions in all of the colored schools were full. "In fact," he said, "with regard to the colored schools there are two workers for every job."

Getting around to the white schools seems to bring out an altogether different angle. Not much more than half of the white teacher positions have been filled up and it looks different to obtain a full list of faculty members to be ready for work when the schools open on September 6th.

"With the white schools it is a case of two jobs for every worker," said Mr. Denning.

Long Beach Gets New Residents

Prominent Lumberton Banker Among Most Recent Purchasers Of Property At Popular Resort

John Stedman, president of the Scottish Bank of Lumberton, has purchased the Berry French cottage at Long Beach for a summer home. Mr. Stedman, who is prominent in North Carolina banking circles, is another of the outstanding North Carolina men who sees a big future for the Brunswick county beach areas.

Only the week before the Lumberton banker bought, W. A. Thorne, vice-president of the Roanoke Rapids Bank and Trust Company, purchased a home at Long Beach. Coming there just to spend his vacation, Henry McKinnon, prominent Lumberton citizen, decided to stay and accordingly purchased the Dr. Tuttle house and lot.

Mr. McKinnon's sister, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, has also been spending her vacation at the beach and is leaving this week for Poland and other European countries to attend religious world conferences before going

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Plants Available For Cemetery

Inquiry From Southport Man Brings Information That Azaleas Will Be Donated For Beautification Project

Azaleas for planting in the Southport cemetery will be available in the fall during the best time for planting according to letters received this week by Crawford Rourk from J. E. L. Wade and Walter Cartier of Wilmington.

Having heard that azaleas for such plantings in areas around Wilmington were being made available by the Wilmington Parks System, Mr. Rourk wrote Mr. Wade about it, pointing out that the old Southport cemetery could be made beautiful with the proper planting and care of aza-

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Leland Man Is Drowned Monday Off Shallotte

Rockwell Benton Lost When Shrimp Trawler Capsized Monday As He Sought To Help Distressed Craft

Trapped in the cabin of his small shrimp boat when it capsized near the Shallotte River inlet Monday afternoon, Rockwell Benton, 33-year-old resident of the Leland community, was drowned. Sam Williams, also of the Leland section, was rescued by the crew of another nearby boat.

Benton and Williams, according to Warrant Officer Harry E. Johnson, of Oak Island, had been out shrimping in a 38-foot boat. The seas were rough from the west winds and they were on their way in to Shallotte Point.

Noticing another boat in trouble, Benton and Williams turned back to render aid and their own engine became disabled. Benton went into the cabin to try to get the engine started again. While he was there the powerless boat was swept around and was struck broadsided by the waves with the result that it capsized.

Williams, thrown into the water from the deck of the boat as it overturned, was easily rescued. Benton in the cabin of the submerged craft, could not find his way out and was drowned. His body subsequently washed away from the boat and has not yet been located.

The Coast Guard official said last night that the body would probably be located today or Thursday. With strong winds from the west he was apparently of the opinion that it might wash several miles up the coast from where the drowning occured before drifting ashore.

Mr. Benton was a half brother of County Commissioner Stephen Mintz, of Leland. He is survived by his widow, a former Shallotte woman. Other details as to his family have not been learned.

May Experiment With Producing More Vegetables

Success Of Tomato Plant Venture By New Jersey Man May Result In The Growing Of Early Vegetables Locally

TOMATO CROP IS BEST HE HAS HAD

Other Growers Showing Interest In Procuring Plants Raised In This Area For Early Planting

Everet H. Sheppard, who pioneered the tomato plant growing venture on the River Road above Southport, will experiment with two or three acres in early lettuce, cabbage, tomatoes and bell peppers next spring, according to a statement yesterday morning.

His growing of tomato plants for shipment to New Jersey will be increased in acreage next spring and he expects to have much better land for the production of the plants than that which he used this year.

After buying 135 acres of land on the river road last year, Mr. Sheppard cleared about 30 acres this spring and planted it in watermelons. The land was too fresh for the tomato plants this year but will be in ideal condition in 1949.

He will clear more land this winter and plant it in watermelons in 1949 and then add it to his tomato plant acreage in 1950.

Mr. Sheppard said that his crop of tomatoes in New Jersey this year is much the best he has ever grown. He added that other farmers who planted his Brunswick-grown plants are making the same report about their crops. The Brunswick county plants reach the New Jersey fields without wilting and otherwise much stronger and hardier than those grown in the Georgia fields.

Growing the plants here is no longer an experiment. Two years operations by Sheppard has demonstrated that the finest plants can be produced here and moved to the New Jersey fields in half the time it takes to transport them from Georgia. He says that the canneries will gladly contract for more acreage in tomato plants than he can possibly handle.

Native Builder To Long Beach

Brunswick County Man Is Moving To Nearby Resort After Living At South Carolina Beach

M. E. Plott of Ocean Drive Beach, where he has been extensively engaged in contracting and building for the past several years, has bought a lot on the water front at Long Beach. He will shortly build there and move his family from the South Carolina resort.

Purchasing another lot with a 100 feet highway frontage. Mr. Plott has already started construction work on a cinder block building with a 75 foot frontage and a depth of 100 feet. He will use this building to carry a big line of building supplies and hardware.

It is understood that when

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W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

It is not a matter of news that last week's issue of this paper came out two days late. But in case anybody still wonders why we only have to mention that the getting out of the tobacco edition created a bottleneck. The point of this item is that W. R. (Bill) Holmes, of Shallotte, said to us this week: "Just to show you how people appreciate their county paper, when it was late last week there were more calls for it at the post office window here than there ever is for first-class mail. Likewise there were more inquiries heard on the street."

Last week we mentioned getting a card from some goofy guys in Philadelphia, saying they were four southern delegates to the 3rd Party meeting and were thinking of us just before the meeting started. They signed themselves "G. J., L. H., E. C. and L. S." This card had us slightly worried. We did not know we had any friends who were crazy enough to attend a 3rd party convention. In fact, we did not know anybody at all who might be in Philadelphia. The mystery has cleared up. Grace, Jones, Lorraine Hewett, Eloise Chapman and Lula Marie Swan returned from a trip last week. They solved the puzzle by asking if we had heard from them. Said they were in Philadelphia at the time of the 3rd party meeting. The clerk at the hotel asked them if they were delegates and that gave them an idea of ways and means of getting their names in the paper.

There may be something to it, and then again there may not be anything. The point is that

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Record Average Of $59.13 Paid In Whiteville For Opening Tobacco Sales

Figures Are Based Upon Approximately Million Pounds Of Tobacco Sold On That Market Opening Day

EXPECT PRICES TO GO HIGHER

Figures For Whiteville Market Considerably Above Opening For Georgia Market

The Whiteville Tobacco Market opened Tuesday with a record average of $59.13 per hundred being paid for approximately one million pounds of tobacco. Both the average and the poundage are unofficial and are based upon incomplete figures furnished to Sales Supervisor Dave S. Neilson at the close of Tuesday's sales.

Not only is the average price the highest ever paid on the opening day of the market, but first day sales of one million pounds eclipsed all previous opening sales, since 1937.

The average paid on the Border Belt compares favorably with the $55.60 paid on the opening of the Georgia markets, and is $8.00 per hundred higher than yesterday's average of $51.21 being paid to Georgia growers.

Veteran warehousemen, in sizing up the local situation, expressed the opinion that prices will advance from the opening day figure. They point out that most of the first day's offerings were lugs, some of them of not too good quality. When cutters start coming on the floors, they believe that there is good reason to expect the market average to advance into the sixty-dollar division.

Wednesday sales were somewhat lighter, due to rain Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, but prices held firm. Warehousemen were expecting more volume in sales Thursday and Friday as the first week of the 1948 selling season is completed.

Beach Resorts Draw Many Prominent Men

Impressive List Of Outstanding Leaders In Various Fields Being Attracted To Brunswick County

Brunswick county beaches are having their greatest season, with August and September bidding fair to be even better. Coverage of Caswell Beach, Long Beach and Holden Beach this week showed all homes occupied and those that are subject to lease or rent by the week or month taken for weeks in advance.

As a usual thing with beaches, both the private homes and those that are leased are filled during the summer months with about twice as many people as comprise a regular family. The beach home owners nearly always have a number of friends visiting them and the folks who rent a cottage usually bring along with them about twice as many folks as are in a regular family.

That is the case this year. Everything is filled to capacity and great numbers of people come in just for a day or for the two days that constitute the weekends. They get sleeping accommodations wherever they find them, at the beaches, in Southport or anywhere they can get a bed.

A striking thing with regard to the Brunswick beaches is the large number of prominent families represented. Doctors, lawyers, judges, congressmen are among the property owners. Not the least represented among the professions have been the number of newspaper men, who either own or lease homes at the beaches for the summer.

Instances could be cited where time after time this year some prominent persons have come to Brunswick county just for a casual visit to the beaches and have ended up by buying houses or lots and announcing that they in tend to construct their own homes.

There has been no boom in building new homes, just a steady stream of construction with signs pointing to building continuing during the winter months.

Sport Fishing Good If Weather Permits

The Continuing Unfavorable Weather Holds Down Number Of Trips Outside, But Good Catches Result

FISHERMEN COME FROM ALL PARTS

Parties Here During The Past Week Represent Many Sections Of North Carolina

Three of the Southport sport fishing boats got in this week with reports of their activities since last Tuesday.

On the 27th the Botfly, Capt. Basil Watts, had a party composed of Fred L. Cooper, Frances Kemp, R. H. Hundley, Jr., Guy L. Mohn and Dr. M. C. Maddrey of Roanoke Rapids and Jimmy Myers of Carolina Beach. They caught 22 dolphin, 7 albacores, 2 king mackerel.

On the 29th the same boat had a party composed of Dr. F. H. Flemming, M. O. Phillips and W. E. Nichols of Coats, Dr. Carry Hedgpeth of Lumberton and Long Beach, and Rev. H. M. Baker of Southport. They got 2 large amberjack, 5 dolphin, 2 large King Mackerel and 40 bluefish.

On the 30th with Captain Watts on the Botfly a party from Carolina Beach, composed of Mr. and Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brunch, caught 100 pounds of sea bass, 25 bluefish, 2 dolphin, 2 barracuda.

July 31 the Botfly's party was composed of Hubert Strutman, Paul Strutman, Jay Strutman, Collier Kinnay, Jason Hedrick, of Lexington and Thomasville. The catch was 130 bluefish.

The final report for this week made by Captain Watts of the Botfly showed W. H. Lewis and

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Big Freshwater Catfish Taken

Oscar Knox of Bolivia swears that last Saturday he caught the biggest freshwater catfish that anybody hereabouts is going to catch this summer. It weighed six and a quarter pounds.

Oscar was fishing peacefully for perch in Lockwoods Folly River. He had a very light cane pole and the usual small hook that is favored for taking perch. When the big catfish struck, Oscar says he could have sworn that his hook had got fouled in the tail of an alligator.

It took some skillful angling to get this old fellow out of the water.

Demonstration Of Beef Business

Brunswick County Man Markets Two-And One-Half Year Old Steer For $248.00; Raised on Grazing

Last week a Waccamaw township farmer sold a steer only two and a half years old for beef at the nice price of $248.00. The nicest thing about the transaction is that this steer was raised entirely on pasture. It was never given a pound of feed from the barn or feed house in all of the 30 months of its life.

While the producer of this beef asked that his name be not revealed, proof is not lacking. Dozens of his neighbor farmers could swear to the truth of the matter.

In a personal interview this Waccamaw farmer said, "With it as easy as it is to raise cattle in Brunswick county, it is amazing and really a shame that we do not raise more beef and milk cows than we now do."

He went on to say that this $248.00 worth of beef was produced entirely from grazing on permanent pasture in the summer. In the winter this grazing reverted to fields of small grain and the animal and others that are being fattened was taken from the grain fields and put back to the permanent pasture. This without injury to the small grain that it grazed on during the winter. The small grain made a wonderful crop at harvesting time.

For the final fattening the steer was turned into a lespedeza field and this grazing did better by it than any high priced commerical feed would have done. Salt at regular intervals was the only thing the animal ever received from the feed barn.

This farmer stated to a newsman that it was his intention to expand in beef raising from now

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Vessel Arrives For Conversion

Mine Sweeper No. 397 Has Been Purchased By The Brunswick Navigation Company And Will Be Used For Menhaden

The Mine Sweeper 397 arrived at Southport from Virginia Monday afternoon, under her own power and went direct to the plant of the Brunswick Navigation Co., where she will immediately be converted into a menhaden fisherman.

It is said she will be ready for work in September. About the only work that will need to be done on her will be to construct a hold for the fish and remove some of the mine sweeping gear. The big hoists used in dragging for mines will be used to raise and lower the heavy purse net boats.

The 397 is 136 feet in length,

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4-H Club Boys After Big Crop

County Agent Has Group Out After 100-Bu. Per Acre With Corn Crop For This Year

Brunswick county has 44 4-H Club boys who are trying for the 100 bushel yield of corn per acre this year, says County Agent J. E. Dodson. Of course, he added, not all of them will reach that goal due to lack of rain and other causes in their sections of the county.

Many of them, the agent feels sure, will go to 100 bushels and better.

The corn will be measured in October by someone sent out for that purpose from State College in Raleigh.

In addition to the boys and their efforts to show the older fellows up, Mr. Dodson is also getting some satisfaction out of the fact that there are a considerable number of men in the county who don't want to be shown up. They are setting out to be in the 100 bushel class themselves.

Among these adult corn growers who are avowed contenders for the 100 bushels per acre class are D. Lett Bennett of the Makotoka section; Bruce King of Freeland; J. B. Ward, Jr. of Ash; Marshall Roach of Supply and George Danford of Bolivia.

This list of adults could probably be swelled if it were not for the fact that many of the fellows who are actively competit-

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Homer McKeithan Is Boat Skipper

With Merle Hood forced to give up his command of the fish boat John L. Morehead owing to bad health, Homer McKeithan, one of the best local shrimp boat skippers, has been placed in charge of the Morehead and is now fishing that vessel.

Captain J. B. Church, veteran menhaden boat skipper, began operating the Guilford this week. This is a practically new boat. Burned a little more than a year ago, it has been redesigned and rebuilt. Largest of the local boats, except for the converted mine sweepers, the Gifford has a capacity of over half a million fish.