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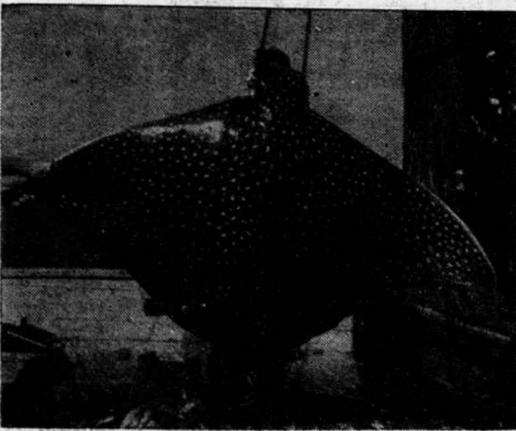
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HUGE DEVILFISH



MONSTER—Some strange things come up in shrimp nets while the fishermen are trawling along the coast, and among the more spectacular recent catches is a half-ton devilfish caught recently by Leon McKeithan.—(Wilmington News Cut.)

Huge Devilfish Is Caught By Trawler

Half-Ton Of Trouble Found In Shrimp Net Of The Dorothy And Leila Recently And Photograph Made

MANY ODDITIES TAKEN IN NETS

Everything From Ten Dollar Bills To A Giant Stingaree Liable To Come Up With Net

A devil fish, weighing about 1/2 ton, came up a few days ago in the nets of the Traylor Dorothy and Leila, owned by Dallas Pigott and operated by Captain Leon McKeithan with Thomas St. George as his mate.

The creature, hideous with its brown and white spotted back, was 80 inches wide, 18 inches thick and 72 inches from nose to end of its short, clover-leaf shaped tail. It was killed and swung overboard into the sea after a photograph was made.

When it is in the mood the devil fish will attack anything, even leaping out of the water and into a small boat. It has the kick of a mule in its powerful wings or flappers and the teeth are equally dangerous.

In addition to the shrimp the boats may drag up anything, conceivable from the floor of the ocean. Occasionally folding money in the shape of five or ten dollar bills has come up along with the catch of shrimp. Once a few years ago Captain Fred Burris dragged up an old hat. Examination of the inner band revealed a \$10.00 bill, damaged but still good for exchange at any bank.

Now and then a human bone comes up in the net. There is nothing about such finds to connect them with anyone drowned in the dim past and such finds are returned to the waters.

Ships anchors, all sorts of irons, timbers, etc., come up. Many such finds bear the unmistakable stamp of being a hundred or more years old. They have laid semi-preserved in the muds until storms washed the mud away and the nets of the chugging trawlers hooked on to bring them back to the light of day.

But the nets do not always bring such things to the surface. Many a hard-earned shrimper dollar has been lost by his net getting caught on an immovable submerged obstruction and torn to shreds.

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Shallotte Boy In Air Lift

Brunswick county has at least one man participating in the huge air lift of provisions and supplies into Berlin, a task made necessary by the refusal of Russia to permit trains to run into the American and British zones.

Sgt. H. M. Holmes, a crew chief in the air force during the war, has been running in and out of Berlin from Frankfurt, Germany, since June. His letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holmes, of Shallotte, indicate that he and other Americans consider the situation around them as being much in the nature of a powder keg.

He went over as crew chief in June. At that time he was on temporary assignment, and still is. However there appears to be a possibility that his stay will be more lengthy than was at first supposed.

Plant Azaleas At Oaks Plantation

Program Of Beautification Continues With Accent Being Placed On Flowering Shrubs

Preparations are being made to get out from eight to ten thousand azalea plants along the several miles of driveway at the Oaks Plantation next spring, according to Joe Ramsauer, Jr., who with his father is co-manager of the F. B. Adams, plantation.

Seven thousand plants were set out in the spring of this year. About all of them have lived and thrived. They extend for several yards back in the wooded areas bordering on the road. Next spring's planting will be a continuation of what was done this past spring.

Previous to this year the Oaks Plantation had thousands mature azalea bushes, most of them surrounding the home of Mr. Adams and bordering on ponds and lakes. Brunswick county high school students, driving through the plantation while the flowers were in bloom last spring, described the drive as one of the most beautiful spots they had ever seen.

With last spring's planting and what is still to be planted, a drive through the plantation in future years will be something that few of the travelers over the River Road can afford to miss.

Shallotte Man Passes Sunday

Martin Luther White Died At His Home Following Extended Period Of Failing Health

Martin Luther White, 74-year old prominent resident of Shallotte, died at his home early Sunday morning. He had been in failing health over a period of several years. Mr. White was in business in Shallotte practically all of his life and was widely known.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Ruth White, and a daughter, Mrs. Madine Cheers, both of Shallotte; three sisters, Mrs. Ann Gore, Mrs. Jane Stanley and Mrs. Bell Stanley, all of Shallotte.

Funeral services were held at the former residence in Shallotte Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and were in charge of Rev. Richard and were in charge of Rev. Richard.

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Stevens Will Address Club

The Hickman's Cross Roads Wildlife Club will hold a meeting Thursday night of next week at 7 o'clock.

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, will be present and will be the principal speaker. T. H. Mintz, secretary of the Hickman's Cross Roads Club, states that the public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

District Rally For Democrats In Whiteville

Leading State Officials And Candidates Will Meet Tomorrow (Thursday) Afternoon

COUNTY CITIZENS URGED TO ATTEND

Speaking Scheduled To Begin At 2:30 O'Clock; Program Will Launch Vigorous Campaign

North Carolina's top Democratic spokesmen will visit Whiteville Thursday for the Seventh Congressional District rally which will be held at the Courthouse at 2:30 p. m.

The official party will be headed by Senator Clyde Hoey, Senatorial Nominee J. Melville Broughton and gubernatorial Nominee W. Kerr Scott.

Numerous other Democratic dignitaries, including Congressional Nominee F. Eitel Carlyle of Lumberton, Brandon Hodges, Stag Ballentine, Pat Taylor, Forrest Shuford and Clyde Erwin, will be in attendance and will be recognized.

"This is an opportunity for the Democrats of the county and district to see and hear their nominees for important offices," W. Avery Thompson, chairman of the Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee, said today in commenting on plans for the rally. "We urge all Democrats in this area to attend and learn the facts about the present campaign."

The official party and Democratic leaders from the several counties in this district will arrive here about noon Thursday.

Chairman Thompson said preparations were being made for a vigorous campaign to get out the vote in the county, district and State. The rally here Thursday will be the forerunner of the intensive drive which Democrats will conduct during the final weeks of the campaign.

Captain Sellers Buried Friday

Retired Member Cape Fear Association Died Wednesday Night At Home In Wilmington

Captain James Thomas Sellers, native of Southport, died at his residence in Wilmington Wednesday night.

Captain Sellers, a retired member of the Cape Fear Pilots Association, was 75-years old. He had been in failing health for about three years.

Funeral rites were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor of Grace Methodist church in Wilmington. Captain Sellers had been a member of this church for many years. Burial was in the Oakdale cemetery in Wilmington.

The pallbearers were Honorary Captains H. T. St. George, Fred Willing, Robert Thompson, William Styron, and R. N. Thompson, all of Southport; Earl Durant, Sr., Dallas Orrell, Charles E. Gause, Southport; R. W. Cant.

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Raleigh Man Who Likes Morehead City Fishing Taunts Local Man With Early Exploits

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Our ROVING Reporter

Several weeks ago the run of shrimp at Southport slacked up some. With around 40 of the local boats being big diesel powered craft, such slack-ups result in their ranging far. There happened to be a run of shrimp at Oriental at the time. Three of the Bill Wells boats, the Bill, Jr., Captain Dan Wells; the W. S. Wells, Captain Billy Wells and the Claudia, Captain Tommy Bennett, ranged to Oriental for three weeks. State News Bureau John Hemmer saw them up there and they were such a contrast to the other boats that he made some excellent pictures. Carl Goerch of the State Magazine also saw the contrast and last week he used one of Hemmer's pictures for the front page cover of the State Magazine. The three Southport boats made a beautiful picture. Hemmer is reported to have spent

Farm Bureau Drive Ended

The Farm Bureau membership drive closed Monday night and it may be several days yet before the final results are known. Last year the drive netted only slightly over 400 members in this county. This year a check up on Monday of last week revealed that 500 had joined up to that time.

T. T. Ward, president of the organization, said "that he felt that a check on things through Monday night of this week would reveal that the Farm Bureau now has over 600 members in Brunswick."

In Washington

MISS ERLINE ATKINSON, daughter of Mrs. Harvey Davis, of Supply, left a few days ago for Washington, D. C., where she has a position. Miss Atkinson graduated from the Shallotte high school with the class of 1948.

Symphony Drive Begins Monday In This County

Brunswick County Symphony Society Will Attempt To Raise Funds With Which To Sponsor Three Concerts During Season

Members of the Brunswick County Symphony Society will launch their membership drive on Monday and will continue throughout the following two weeks to raise funds with which to sponsor the appearance of the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in three concerts in Brunswick county during the coming season.

"As was the case last year, one concert will be in the evening and will be primarily for the enjoyment of symphony society members and other music lovers who will be charged a general admission. Plans are being made for two free concerts for children similar to those played last season at Shallotte and Bolivia.

During the membership drive volunteer solicitors will contact citizens and businessmen throughout the county and explain the plan and purpose of the program.

Bids Received For Added Power Lines

Additional 320 Miles Of REA Lines To Be Constructed Soon In Brunswick-Columbus Counties

LOW BID STUDIED IN WASHINGTON

South Carolina Firm Is Low Bidder On Turnkey Job; Portion Of Job To Cover River Road Area

REA headquarters in Washington now have for approval the bids that were opened on September 24 for 600 miles of new distribution power lines. Practically all of this mileage is in Brunswick and Columbus counties, according to E. D. Bishop, manager of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

E. C. Bridges of Heath Springs, S. C., was the low bidder. The project calls for everything on the above mileage. The contractor clears the right of way, furnishes and erects the cross-arms, poles, furnishes and strings the wiring. He also provides the transformers, etc. Mr. Bridges, if his bid is accepted will do everything up to the point where property owners are to put in connecting wiring on the distribution lines.

The Bridges bid was \$487,592.00 for the 320 miles of transmission lines. This would be about \$1,500.00 per mile. Mr. Bishop appeared to think the bid was in line with cost of material and labor. He anticipates action from headquarters in Washington this week or next.

In the event the bid is approved work will start immediately. The project calls for not less than two miles of cleared right of way and pole and line completed each working day. Allowance is made of course, for days when weather conditions make it impossible to work.

Of interest around Southport is the fact that lines on the River Road between Southport and Wilmington are in those mapped for first construction after bids are accepted.

Numerous Cases Tried Wednesday

Long List Of Cases Disposed Before Judge W. J. McLamb In Recorder's Court Last Week

Wednesday was another busy day in Brunswick county Recorder's court with a variety of cases being disposed of before Judge W. J. McLamb.

Paul Aubrey Ward, speeding, \$5.00 fine and costs.

Frank F. Sandlin, speeding, capias.

Leslie Kelly Taylor, speeding, \$5.00 fine and costs.

William E. Harrell, reckless operation, \$50.00 fine and costs.

Joseph B. Jacobs, reckless operation, continued to October 20.

Nat J. Noaks, speeding, capias.

Maxwell H. Schwartz, speeding, capias.

Robert Williams Sample, speeding, capias.

George Morris Price, operating car without brakes, not prosessed.

Henry Carroll Williams, no operators license, speeding, \$25.00 fine and costs.

William James Barefoot, reckless operation, continued to October 20.

William B. Cuthbertson, reckless operation, continued to October 6th.

J. W. Stitt, speeding, fined \$10. and costs.

James Bascom Clemmons, no October 13.

Abraham Gardner, speeding, reckless operation, capias.

J. N. Henderson, reckless operation, (Continued on page six)

Shallotte Football Squad Set To Play

Practice Sessions During Past Ten Days Have Been Cut Short By Continued Showers

A squad of twenty husky Shallotte youngsters who already have recovered from their first set of sore muscles and bruises are impatiently waiting for a break in the weather and a chance to get down to hard work in preparation for a football game.

The team is being coached by Major P. L. Milnor, U. S. Army (retired), who likes youngsters and likes football. "I've played a little football myself," Coach Milnor confessed, "and I coached a little while in the army. But coaching a football team is just like training a gun crew, it's a matter of coordination, carrying out assignments and team work."

This may be a strange point of view for a football coach, but last season Coach Milnor directed Bradley Creek to five victories in five starts, rolling up a score of 206 points while blanking all rivals.

He doesn't expect to do that well this season, largely because his boys lack experience. Only

Fire Threatens Farm Residents More Than City

One Third Of People Killed By Fire In United States Are Residents Of Rural Areas

11,000 PERISHED IN FLAMES LAST YEAR

Fire Prevention Week Began Yesterday And Will Continue Through Saturday

Farm residents are in greater danger from fires than are residents of towns and cities, according to the National Fire Protection Association, sponsor of the Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9.

Latest census figures show that about one-fifth of the people of the United States live on farms while latest fire statistics show that one-third of the persons who are killed by fire are farm residents, the NFPA says. In 1947, fires caused about 11,000 deaths, 3,500 of them on farms.

"Fire hazards are more numerous on farms because farmers keep large stocks of gasoline and kerosene on hand, because farms are in greater danger from lightning, because farmers use large quantities of combustible materials such as hay, rags and feed bags, because there are more lamps and lanterns on farms and because farmers have the problem of curing hay properly and keeping it dry to prevent spontaneous ignition," NFPA officials say.

NFPA recommendations for correcting farm fire hazards are:

1. Don't smoke in barns or in bed and don't discard lighted cigarettes or matches heedlessly.
2. Get rid of flammable rubbish. When allowed to accumulate old papers, magazines, cloths, boxes or worn-out furniture are ideal tinder for a stray spark. Keep oily rags in metal containers to prevent spontaneous ignition.
3. Keep matches out of the reach of small children.
4. Store gasoline and kerosene in metal containers away from buildings.
5. Don't use flammable cleaning fluids.
6. Clean lamps and lanterns.
7. Keep machinery and engines clean.
8. Repair defective electrical appliances and replace frayed cords.

The NFPA reports that, in addition, structural hazards cause half of all farm fires. If heating plants, chimneys, lighting rods and wiring were installed properly and if flammable wood shingle roofs were replaced with fire-resistant roofing such as asphalt,ingles, slate, asbestos or metal, 50 percent of farm fires would be prevented, the NFPA says.

Unusual Weapon For Bear Gun

John Ferside, bear and deer hunter of Freeland, has one of the first breech loading shot-guns ever made.

The weapon is a Winchester, five shot, lever action. It uses regular 12-gauge ammunition. The lever is also the trigger guard and it is necessary to lower the weapon and lever a new shell into the breech each time it is to be fired.

The gun is twice as heavy as present day 12-gauge Winchester. Ferside was raised in California. His grandfather owned the gun and left it to Ferside's father. When Ferside's father died he left it to the son.

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Carlyle Seeks To Help County

Discussion With Congressman - Nominate During Past Week-End Indicates Interest In Section

Spending Saturday afternoon through Monday at his Long Beach summer home and in Southport, Democratic congressional nominee F. Ertle Carlyle, indicated a lot of interest in three Brunswick county matters when he was interviewed here Monday.

Outstanding as a matter of interest to him was the Waccamaw drainage project. This undertaking was carried as far as it would go at the time by Congressman J. Bayard Clark and Senator W. B. Umstead during the summer months. Mr. Carlyle stated he intend taking over where Clark left off in the drainage matter. He is confident the project can and will be carried

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Leland P.-T. A. Meeting Held

Members Discuss Plans For Completing Lunch Room, The Principal Project Of Association This Year

The Leland Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the year Thursday at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. A large number of parents and teachers were present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Odell Evans. After the reading of the minutes several songs were sung, including Leland school song which was sung to the accompaniment of an improvised orchestra consisting of leader and vocalist, Mrs. Madge Smith; pianist, Principal Manning; violin Arthur Sue; bass violin, Miss Kuhn; trumpet, Mrs. Meta Nelson. After a few minutes of fun and relaxation the meeting settled down to the main project of the P.T.A. this year, the new lunch room, which is sponsored by the P.T.A. and is nearing completion. Reports on the progress of the work were given by Principal Manning and A. H. Gailey. A general discussion followed, and plans were made for finishing the project. Plans were also made for a Hollowe'en party to be given at the school the latter part of October.

All the business over, a social hour followed in the lunch room with refreshments of homemade cake and iced drinks.

The officers and committees elected to serve this year are as follows: President, Mrs. Odell Evans; vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Brew; secretary, Mrs. Dick Saunders; treasurer, Mrs. Mable McFarland; program committee, Mrs. Madge Smith and Mrs. Mable McFarland; refreshments committee, Mrs. W. W. Knox.

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