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## Public Welfare People Discuss Program Plans

### Changing Conditions Means Shifting Of Responsibility For More Cases Upon County Departments

### LEGISLATIVE ACT UNDER DISCUSSION

#### Increased Appropriation Is Sought Of State With Hope That Assistance May Be Given To Counties

Ruth E. Patterson superintendent of public welfare of Brunswick county George C. Smith and J. Bellamy, members of the Brunswick county welfare board met at a meeting of the Southport District of the Public Welfare Association in Laurinburg Wednesday. At this meeting 150 welfare officials and interested laymen heard and entered into discussion of many problems which Public Welfare Departments

noticed that the number of people receiving old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid needy blind had increased considerably over the past few years. One reason given was the fact that family relationships are breaking down so children no longer feel responsible for their old folks nor do they feel responsible for their relatives and her children. They are shifting these burdens to the state and other charitable organizations.

In December 1945 Brunswick county had 179 old age assistance cases, 33 aid to dependent children cases and 16 aid to needy blind cases. In December 1947 there had 246 old age assistance cases, 43 aid to dependent children cases, and 18 aid to needy blind cases.

At the luncheon attend by the members Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of public welfare, discussed the legislative act which the public welfare department will ask for in the 1949 session. This legislative proposal has been the result of two years of study by local welfare departments to learn the needs of people of the State with respect to social legislation.

The first request will be for a law to enable the county, State, and Federal governments to recover the cost of an old age assistance grant from property belonging to the recipient after that person dies. This will greatly reduce the cost of the public assistance program.

At the year again the department ask the State for help to the counties in giving general assistance to needy people between the ages of 18 and 65. At present the counties must bear the entire responsibility for this group without help from the State or Federal governments.

The laws on domestic relations and protection of children should be changed in order to protect the children and the children in the welfare officials believe.

The adoption law which was passed in 1947 but was invalidated because of a technicality will be passed again this year.

With the increasing need of so many people for help of various kinds from the county welfare departments the state department of public welfare is asking for increases in appropriations for public assistance and for administrative expenses. These increases are badly needed by the local offices in order to carry on the work efficiently.

## Brief News Flashes

### HOSPITAL

Dr. Charles E. Gause is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Greenville where he went last week for an operation for removal of cataracts.

### WOMEN'S BAZAAR

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union of Southport Baptist church will hold a bazaar on Friday afternoon at the Community Center Building. A turkey dinner will be served by members of the same group from 5 o'clock to 7 o'clock that afternoon and

### PASTOR

The Rev. Fred Gore of White Bluff has accepted the pastorate of the New Life church at Exum. Mr. Gore will preach on Sunday morning and evening on the first and third Sundays. This arrangement gives the church two preaching services each week and the people are encouraged by the prospect of growth and development.

## Biggest Drum Of Year On Home-Made Tackle

### Bolivia Fisherman Landed 59-Pound Red Drum Thanks-giving On Rig He Made Himself

Using a home-made rod, a cane pole with eylets and reel attached by himself, Delmas Reynolds, an employee of the Elmore Motor Co. at Bolivia, took time off Thanksgiving Day and caught the biggest red drum that has been taken with a casting rod on this part of the coast in years.

The fish was a 59-pounder and it required a full 30 minutes to land it. A remarkable thing is that in addition to the light cane rod, Reynolds was using a line of only 27-pound test strength, not half strong enough to have lifted the fish out of the water. A small chunk of shrimp on a small 1-0 size hook added to the unusual tackle to which the jumbo fell victim.

Reynolds, with his father-in-law, Mr. Britt, was fishing for puppy

drum a hundred feet above Mill Bridge, two miles above Howell's Point. This place and the creek flowing through the marsh is a favorite place for fishing for puppy drum and hundreds are caught there each year.

Only an occasional specimen of the larger red drum has been caught there, this probably due to the fact that most of the fishermen use only small hooks and relatively small chunks of shrimp. With none of the favorite strips of mullet being offered, this big fellow was content to take the small lump shrimp.

The drum, taken to Bolivia and weighed in the presence of a large number of witnesses, is understood to be still on exhibition in the meat refrigerator at the W. A. Kopp store. It has attractive much attention.

## New Store Buildings Go Up At Longwood

### Former County Commissioner A. P. Russ Has New Grocery Store And His Son A New Furniture Store

### OTHER BUILDING BEING PLANNED

#### New Business Activity Gives Prospect Of Longwood Becoming Trading Center Of Area

Few places in Brunswick have made more development during the late summer and fall than Longwood. This fine community has made some very substantial building progress, despite the fact that the main road through there has been entirely or partially closed due to grading and road paving activities.

Former county commissioner A. P. Russ has recently completed and opened a large two-story brick building on the site of the former L. C. Brown store that was destroyed by fire two years ago. The lower floor of this building is being used as a general store and the upper floor is used as a residence by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Holden, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. Russ.

Adjoining this building Mr. Russ's son is now completing a large cinder block building, in which he will open a furniture store. This building is also very attractive.

W. H. Long has placed material and has started work on a 40x70

## November Has No Bad Frost

### Month Ends Without Appearance Of First Killing Frost Of Fall; Light Frost In October

With the average Brunswick county killing frost falling on November 22nd, that date came and went without a killing frost having hit. Sprouts on last summer's tobacco stalks are still green and growing sweet potato vines are still green where they have not been dug and cotton stalks in many places are still covered with green leaves.

During October there were a couple of light frosts. Barely enough to nip tender leaves with most of the trees and undergrowth in the county of the evergreen variety, weather makes no difference to them. Other trees have regular periods for shedding their leaves, and they shed at their appointed time. They have not been hastened this year by frost.

A year or two ago in one of his news releases relative to Brunswick county, Bill Sharpe of the State News Bureau made the statement that with its average year-round temperature of 62.4 degrees Brunswick county had the mildest climate of any place in North Carolina.

Others think the same thing. New Jersey and New York farmers and truckers are fast finding out that this is an ideal area in which they can grow their early farm and truck plants. The North Carolina Wildlife Commission, instead of buying bicolour plans in Georgia and Florida, is planning to grow its own plants down here in Brunswick. Brunswick county was selected for this because of the late date for frosts and generally winter. The record of a total of only 7 inches of snow at Southport in Brunswick county since 1924 is something for other sections of the state to shoot at.

## 90 Per Cent Of Parity Favored On Commodities

### Farm Leaders Adopt Resolution For Support Program In Line With Steagall Amendment

### STAND TAKEN AT RALEIGH MEETING

#### Three Thousand Dollar Gift Is Received For Use In Research Program In State

The North Carolina Farm Bureau is opposed to any increase in the announced 1949 flue-cured tobacco quota and favors a 90 per cent of parity support on all basic commodities.

Resolutions stating these positions were adopted Saturday at a meeting of 75 organization leaders in Raleigh.

With President W. W. Eagles of Macclesfield presiding, the group resolved that "the North Carolina Farm Bureau is opposed to any further increase in the already announced quota for flue-cured tobacco for the 1949 crop." The resolution further instructed NCFB officers to "use their influence accordingly and to carefully evaluate existing conditions prior to the final determination of quotas for the 1949 crop," taking steps necessary to keep supply in line with demand and to avoid a burdensome surplus of flue-cured tobacco.

It was also resolved that the "North Carolina Farm Bureau goes on record in favor of 90 per cent of parity on all basic commodities and the retention of the Steagall amendment on all non-basic commodities, such as agriculture has had for the past few years."

A third resolution, also passed unanimously, calls for a change in the time at which farmers can begin moving corn through government channels. The proposal would move the time from June to April as a means of encouraging greater corn production.

## Short Session Of Court Held

### Docket Quickly Disposed Of By Judge W. J. McLamb And Court Officials Here Wednesday

An abbreviated session of Brunswick county Recorder's was held Wednesday, with the cases disposed of before noon by Judge W. J. McLamb and court officials. The following entries were made:

Harry Hill, assault with deadly weapon, continued to December 1st.

James Purvis, reckless operation, \$25.00 fine and costs.

Foster J. Frank, speeding, ordered to pay costs.

James Marvin Loftin, speeding, capias.

Amos Little, no operators license, \$25.00 fine and costs, costs remitted.

Desire Grissett, assault with deadly weapon, 60 days in jail, suspended on defendant making restitution to Annie Morgan in the sum of \$20.00 and pay court costs. Placed on good behavior for two years.

Frank Godley, drunken driving, capias.

George Cromartie, public drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

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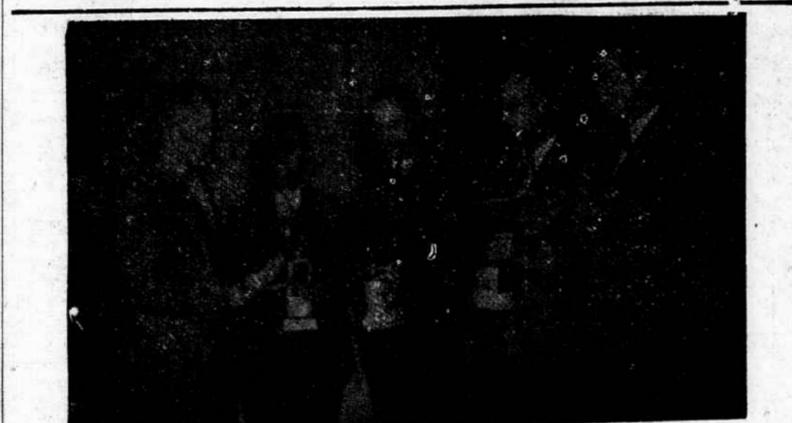
## Unusual Catch Of Sea Dollars

While fishing off Frypan Shoals in the gulf in 19 fathoms of water Captain Van Groth, a Norwegian in charge of one of the W. S. Wells boats, struck some big sea biscuits or sea dollars last week.

Small sea biscuits about the size of a dollar may be picked up anywhere on the beaches. They are highly rated as souvenirs.

These scooped up off Frypan were four times as large as those found on the beach, and are said to be four times as pretty. The boat brought in a ton of fish but the sea biscuits formed the interesting part of the catch.

## FISHING RODEO WINNERS



### WINNERS—Awards in the Third Annual SENCBA Fishing rodeo received \$500 bonds and trophies at the third annual rodeo banquet. Left to right, State Senator Roy Rowe who made the awards; C. B. Holden of Wilmington, prize winner in the pier class; Arthur F. DeGreve of Washington, D. C., top winner in the deepsea class; W. T. Guldge of Wilmington, winner of the grand prize in the surf division; and Glenn M. Tucker, SENCBA president. At the right is Capt. Hulan Watts, skipper of the Idle-On, who carried out the top winner in the deep-sea class for the second straight year.

## Prizes Awarded All Sencba Rodeo Winners

### Bear Backs Down This Bear Hunter

Herman Phelps, one of the bus drivers for the W. B. & S., was on his way home this week in his car. He lives four miles beyond Supply and had been making the late run to Wilmington.

Half a mile from his home a big bear ambled out in the middle of the road and stood there in the glare of the headlights. Being of a bear hunting family, Herman did some quick thinking.

He wanted that bear, but he reasoned that if he drove fast enough to hurt it he might wreck his car. The bear might be made mad enough to claw him up. So, he forgot his desire for bear and slammed on his emergency brake. The car slid to a stop about four feet from the critter. The bear stared sullenly into the headlights for a minute, a minute during which Herman was making sure his windows were all up.

### Bolivia Plans P.-T.A. Benefit

#### Chicken Salad And Barbecue Supper To Be Served On Saturday; Auction Sale Later In The School Gymnasium

The Bolivia P. T. A. will stage a big Harvest Festival at the school house Saturday night of this week.

The event will open with a children's salad and barbecue supper at the school lunch room, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. Following this there will be an auction sale and general merrymaking at the school gymnasium.

At the auction sale all kinds of

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### Leland Baptists Work On Church

#### Leland Baptist Church Will Be Using New Sunday School Rooms Soon; Brick Veneer Job On Exterior

The new Sunday school rooms at Leland Baptist church will be ready for use next Sunday, according to one of the church officials Monday.

This does not mean that the entire job of remodeling and enlarging the facilities of the church will be completed, but it will mean that so far as the use of the building is concerned it will be available for all services. March has been the probable time of completion.

Space for the Sunday school rooms has been provided by raising the church 8-feet and constructing the class rooms on the ground floor. The outside walls are of brick, and the brick course will continue as a veneer for the outside of the church auditorium.

It is estimated that this work will cost about \$18,000.00, and it is hoped that it will be accomplished without the necessity of placing any debt upon the church.

The Rev. Hovey Pope of Wilmington is pastor of Leland Baptist church and preaches at both the morning and evening hour on the first and third Sundays. He has been called as full-time pastor of this church, but will be unable to accept after the first of the year due to previous preaching commitments.

With little in the way of detours available, folks who traveled the road from Makotoka through Exum to Freeland and on to the new Britian Bridge found themselves up against it during the rains last week. This road is now being graded by State Highway forces, preliminary to paving. It happens that rainwater and soft dirt mixes all too well. This road got all but impassable the past week. Folks traveling from the Soldier Bay

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## Committeeman To Be Elected Next Week For County

### Brunswick County Will Elect Member Of Three Man Committee Named To Administer Soil Program

### BALLOT BOXES OPEN ALL WEEK

#### Voting Places Located At Convenient Points All Throughout County And All Voters Are Eligible

Voters in each of the four counties of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District will cast their votes next week, December 6-11, to elect one county committeeman in each county. The State Soil Conservation Committee, B. K. Beicher, chairman, has been legal notices posted calling the elections.

The following have been nominated in Brunswick county: Corbett Coleman of Aash; Earl Thompson of Supply; A. J. Walton, Jr. of Longwood. Each of these men was nominated by petitions signed by 25 qualified voters. The person receiving the largest number of votes in next week's election will be for a term of three years. Similar elections will be conducted in 84 counties in North Carolina, which are included in the 22 Soil Conservation Districts now operating in the state.

In an election held in December 1947, the following were elected to the Brunswick County Committee: Gilbert T. Reid for a three year term, W. C. Gore for a two year term and Corbett Coleman for a one year term.

Annually thereafter, the vacancy occurring each year is to be filled by electing one committeeman for a three year term. The retiring committeeman may be re-elected, or a new person may be elected, according to the wishes of the voters. These elections are being held in accordance with regulation as set forth by the Soil Conservation Districts Law or North Carolina as amended by the 1947 session of the General Assembly.

Ballot boxes and ballots will be placed at the following places: Vocational Agriculture Building, Bolivia School; Vocational Agriculture Building, Shallotte School; Vocational Agriculture Building, Waccamaw School; Kirby's Store, Shallotte; McLamb's Store, Hickman X Roads; Rourk's Store, Leland; Agriculture Building, Supply; State Port Pilot Office; Southport.

Any qualified voter of the county is eligible to vote in this election and votes may be cast any day from December 6-11 inclusive, at any of the above places.

## Possibilities Of Fort Interesting

### Virginia Real Estate Man Sees Unusual Possibilities In Facilities At Ft. Caswell

Taking just enough time out from Thanksgiving day to visit Orton Plantation, see the River Road construction and for a short visit all the way through Long Beach, A. P. Haskell prominent real estate man of Arlington, Virginia, and W. B. Keziah of Southport devoted five hours Thursday to a complete inspection of all of the Fort Caswell physical properties.

Mr. Haskell was evidently pleased with Long Beach and its east-west frontage on the ocean. His attention was very much attracted to this property and the same can be said of Caswell Beach. Fort Caswell, however was the center of his interest and he looked upon this property as being eminently suited to some of the big utilities companies for a year-round rest and recreation center for their employees. He plans to contact some of them with this object in mind.

In addition to the resort and recreation center possibilities, Mr. Haskell also saw industrial opportunities in the place. He plans to try and find a buyer from both the recreational and industrial angle. On account of the nature of the construction he saw nothing in the salvage angle. He stated his belief that Fort Caswell could be used pretty much as it is, in some manner. Salvaging would be just a waste of valuable material and the destruction of something that would be of much use of Brunswick county.

From Southport the visitor went to Myrtle Beach Thursday night. From there he planned to go to Charleston to see E. F. Middleton of Long Beach and others. From Charleston he will go to Atlanta, Ga., and see the War Assets Administration officials.

### Pecan Crop Is Good This Year

Many sources have been saying that this year's pecan crop in Brunswick county is a good one. An illustration of just how good may be found in the report of Mrs. George F. Goley, of Shallotte, who said this week that they made about one thousand pounds of the nuts from their trees. The normal production, she said, is about 500 pounds per year.

Some of the Goley's 30 trees are mature. Others are younger and all should be producing more and more as the years go by. They require no attention and give no trouble. About the only work attendant on growing pecans is to acquire and plant the trees and gather the nuts as they fall each year.

A thousand pounds of nuts for 30 trees, some of them young, is far from being a bad showing. This year the product is bringing about 30 cents per pound.

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