

### Old Acquaintance Located In City

#### Round-About Exchange Of Information Discloses The Presence Here Of Schooner Well-Known In Childhood

Ted Robinson, Jr., associate editor of Time magazine, a winter resident of Southport, stuck his head in the door of the office Monday but, quickly withdrew it without explanation. Shortly thereafter, however, the following

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letter was found in the mail box of our Rovin' Reporter: "Dear Bill: "I had a question to ask you today, but I refrained from dropping in when I saw through the window how busy you were. Now it occurs to me that, if the answer to the question is right, you might find a small personal story in the thing. So I'm writing it down.

"When I was a small boy I spent a great deal of my time in Provincetown, Massachusetts. In Provincetown, I spent as much time as I could—when I was allowed to or when I could get away with it—playing aboard a certain fishing schooner when she was anchored in the harbor. We used to row out and spend the day on her, playing pirate and so on. Her owner and skipper, Captain Herman Mayo, died about 20 or more years ago. He was a good friend of my family's and of mine. The ship was sold, and sailed away, and we all felt very melancholy.

"Now I have just heard from a childhood playmate, who has just learned where I am and who informs me that the schooner founded in a storm and sank years ago, and now lies where she went down—right here off Southport. "She was called The Little Jennie. Do you know anything about it? I thought I might go out sometime and draw an empty bottle in sentimental tribute?

Regards, Ted Robinson, Jr." Since Mr. Robinson used a roundabout way of asking the above question we are using a roundabout way of answering it here goes: "Dear Ted: To the best of my knowledge and belief the Little Jennie's wreck lies alongside the Jim Arnold fish house at Southport. The fisherman who bought her from Captain Mayo did not make a howling success. They brought her down here and either emptied to many bottles or did not fish enough. A couple of

our friends attached her for debt and she just laid there and rotted. I think you can still see her ribs if you walk around there. Regards; Bill"

### Fertilizer Plants In Busy Season

#### Next Few Months Will Be Time Of Unusual Activity For Plants

The several fertilizer companies in Brunswick are now preparing for their busy season. The first of the year always finds them in the rush of mixing, bagging and storing fertilizers in preparation for the spring planting. Northwest township has four big plants, Armour and Company, Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Company and F. S. Royster. The first three are located at Navassa and the F. S. Royster company is three miles further up the Cape Fear.

Several hundred men are employed by the four plants. The Gulf States Cretosing Company, with its huge plant and yards at Navassa, also gives employment to a great many men, as does the Wilmington Pine Company, which is largely owned by Felton Garner of Southport.

### Rovin' Reporter during the coming year.

If we were listing nice eating places in Brunswick county we would certainly include Mack's Cafe and the Sawdust Trail at Southport; the F. L. Lewis place at the Brunswick River bridge; Ocean View Tavern at Holden Beach; the Gladys Mintz Cafe at Grissetown; Shallotte Soda Shop and Cafe at Shallotte; The Lewis Cafe at Bolivia and several others. In addition to the above there are quite a number of places we know of and some that we probably do not know of, at various places in the county. The tourists and travelers in Brunswick can now get good meals a great deal easier than they could a few years ago.

Although they realize that a crab processing plant will be very helpful and they are wholeheartedly in favor of it, a great many residents of the Holden Beach community have approached us, expressing concern about the location. This location is west of the ferry and the present proposed site of a bridge that is contemplated by the highway commission. The Lockwoods Folly Inlet, through which the boats must pass going to and from their work, is east of the ferry. The operation of a crab processing plant west of the ferry means that great numbers of small boats will have to go through the drawbridge when it is built. The bridge will have to be open for boats longer than the highway commission will agree to have it closed to car and pedestrian traffic. A result, some think, will be if the highway commission builds the bridge they will insist on having it west of the crab processing plant, so that the boats passing to and from the inlet will not be demanding that the bridge be kept open for them more than a reasonable amount of time.

From a letter received this week from K. Clyde Council, a member of the Department of Conservation and Development and also on the State Parks Commission, it appears that the Park Commission is still actively interested in obtaining Fort Caswell. Mr. Council stated that negotiations were being carried on with the War Assets Administration regarding the property. Mr. Council stated that the majority of the Board members were definitely for obtaining Fort Cas-

well. Some members are rather "Luke warm", but the majority is definitely for it and Mr. Council still hopes the place can be acquired in a satisfactory way.

A pleasing letter was received this week from James L. Yates of Durham. Mr. Yates has been spending the past six weeks at the Ocean View Tavern at Holden Beach. In part he writes: "I have been in twenty-eight states and I have never found a place to rest and really relax than Holden Beach. No heavy traffic, trains of factory whistles, I grew to really love the place and the fine Brunswick people whom I met. Among these were Dr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grady, Luther Holden, Mr. Ward and many others. Not the least of the pleasures of the stay was the excellent food served by Teddy and Gorey at the Ocean View Tavern. I wish to thank these folks and also the boys at the ferry for their excellent service."

In past years Captain B. L. Raymond of Palm Beach, Fla., has been a frequent visitor to Southport aboard his sport fishing cruiser, the Lev-Lou. He writes us that the Lev-Lou sails again, now as a 65-footer, powered by twin diesel engines. He is offering vacations effort and says that his boat is ideal for small groups to live aboard. From past experiences with this fine sport fishing skipper, we expect to see the new Lev-Lou at Southport for a short time at least, during the coming year.

A big car was noted taking on gas at the McKinley Hewett filling station in Shallotte several days ago a tag with only the initials "W.I.P." aroused interest. Inquiry revealed that the unnumbered car was owned by Walter Iles Percival, an official of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Percival, who was accompanied by Mrs. Percival, courteously explained that as a State official he was given a large tag with his initials instead of the customary numbers. The "W.I.P." tagged car and Mr. and Mrs. Percival are now at 134 El Vedado Lane, Palm Beach, Florida. Perhaps when the couple return to Connecticut the paper will be able to learn more of the system of initialling the cars of State officials in the east.

Sometime, maybe soon, we are likely to find we have something in the paper about no frost having fallen yet in Brunswick county, and before the paper gets out to its readers the county will be black in the wake of a frost. Despite this possibility, we just have to write, quoting Boyd Robinson, D. C. Boyd, Sonny Boyd

and Martin Misenhimmer, of Shallotte Point. They advise us that last week they found several stalks of corn, all decked out in new tassels and silks, on the farm of LeRoy Mintz, at Shallotte.

Not quoting anybody, just going by our eyesight, we saw a beautiful little field of egg plants and along side of it another field of bell peppers, on the farm of E. Danford, near Bolivia this week. We ate some of the peppers, and without asking the leave of Mr. Danford, we cut a green limb from one of the egg plants, with two egg plants still on it, and sent it off to Raleigh where they had killing frost several weeks ago.

Thompson McRackan, who lives across Walden Creek on the River Road, is getting more interested in hogs and cattle. He has a fine herd of hogs and has recently purchased a big young registered Hereford bull. His farm embraces some six hundred acres of fine farming land, much of it naturally adapted to grazing. Following the pattern of many other Brunswick farmers Mr. McRackan thinks that the livestock possibilities have never been fully developed.

A few days ago we met up with D. Schwartz, young Castle Hayne blub grower who is interested in this section. Three or four years ago Mr. Schwartz bought the Wallace Moore farm of several hundred acres at Walden Creek on the River Road. Since buying the place he has been too busy with his bulb growing to pay much attention to it. Now he tells us he is thinking of doing something out there. The farm has a considerable frontage on the road on which grading is now being done and with a contract for paving already let.

When he came here last week to appraise Fort Caswell for the WAA Glenn Gibson must have had a prior tip-off about us from somebody. To better introduce himself he brought with him the model of a new fishing box that he is having patented. It is a convenient and ingenious contraption that will carry a great number of plugs without their becoming all tangled up with themselves and the rest of the outfit carried by fishermen.

The more we hear of it the better we like the plans of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to grow bicolor plants here in Brunswick county. The decision to plant here is founded on the fact that we have no late frosts in the spring or early ones in the fall. They have been buy-

ing the plants in Georgia but can and will grow them here. Distributed to land owners all over the state, they will be one of the best advertisements of the climate that the lower North Carolina coast could have.

In the death of Robert C. St. George Brunswick county ex-servicemen lost their greatest friend, certainly the man who helped them most when they needed help. For a quarter of a century he always stood ready to give advice and help to men who had been in the service. He did this without pay and at least many of them came to recognize that he was a real friend to them. When a County Veterans Service office was established and a paid worker put in Mr. St. George continued his individual service. When the Service Office was abolished two weeks ago the veterans had no one to whom they could turn so much as Robert St. George.

Although they have never met each other it is apparent that Mrs. R. H. Holden of Shallotte and Holden Beach and Mrs. F.

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Miss Maggie Andrews of Shallotte is in the State Hospital, Butler, and will be there for a year or more. This week Mrs. James Chadwick of Shallotte is sending Miss Andrews a Christmas present in the form of a year's subscription to the State Port Pilot. Mrs. Chadwick says she hopes that others will re-

member Miss Andrews this Christmas with a card or some gift. Incidentally, it would not be a bad idea for other Brunswick people to follow Mrs. Chadwick's example and send a year's subscription to The Pilot. As Christmas present to friends and relatives who are away from home.

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