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Emergency Drive for Polio Funds Begins In County

Brunswick County Citizens Being Asked To Make Special Donation To Cover Epidemic Costs

IS BEING LAUNCHED TODAY

Explaining Need Be Generally Distributed Envelope Provided For Donation

Polio epidemic throughout this year is the most epidemic since the epidemic of 1916. Already there have been ten thousand cases this year than were reported at this time last year and the end is not in sight. This situation has caused a drain on the funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis so that it has become necessary to carry on a speedy emergency drive for additional funds to help stem the tide of the epidemic.

The last day of August the National Foundation had advanced \$72,390 to the different State emergency funds for use in meeting this emergency needs.

H. M. Baker, chairman of Brunswick County Chapter, today said that this county has today received \$5,939.00 since the beginning of the year from the National Foundation to help pay the bills of Brunswick polio cases. There are still two of our cases in the hospital and several receiving treatments and bills will have to be met from the National Foundation.

Fifty-five hundred envelopes were distributed in Brunswick today for contributions to emergency drive. Citizens are urged to contribute in various community chairmen in their local arrangements have with the different chairmen by the Post Office General so that all envelopes will be turned in a central collecting office at the State for forwarding to the National Foundation.

Mr. Baker announces the emergency drive as community representative in this emergency drive: F. J. Folsom, Emergency Drive Chairman; H. T. Saunders, J. T. C. Caviness for Post; H. F. Fester Mintz and Page for Bolivia; Mrs. M. H. and H. C. Stone for Manning for Leland; Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. J. J. Hawes for W. C. Stephens and Mrs. Hewett for Waccamaw; Lee Clemmons for Holden's; Walter Lewis for the U. S. Guard; Martin Robbins and Morehead for Winnabow.

The campaign is to last only one week and it is hoped Brunswick citizens will realize emergency nature of this drive and help those who have helped Brunswick patients long. Disbursements amounting to \$100,000.00 each day and at the National Foundation will be able to carry on its long unless we respond generously and generously in this drive.

Brief News Flashes

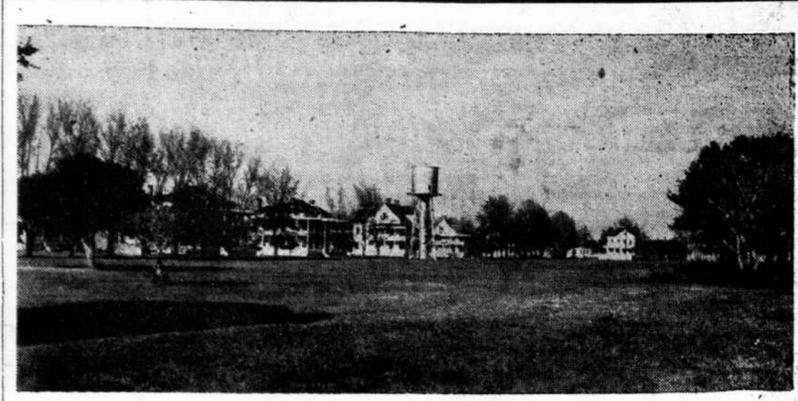
DANCE
Regular square dances will be held at the Community Building Southport under sponsorship of the Lions Club.

GOING TO ENGLAND
Mrs. Eloise St. George Chapman is leaving today for an extended visit to England, where she will join her husband, who is in the country with the Navy.

TRIP AT SHALLOTTE
Mrs. Charles Reynolds and Mrs. Charles Reynolds have been several days at Shallotte with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Chapman. The couple lived in Southport until about 30 years ago when they moved to Richmond, where Mr. Reynolds is engaged in the plumbing business.

VACATION
Mrs. Eva Mae Chadwick, student nurse in the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick, at Shallotte Village Point. Mrs. Lorraine Galloway, also a student nurse, is the house guest of Mrs. Chadwick.

Caswell Parade Ground



ROOMY—Above is shown the big parade ground at Ft. Caswell, with the water tank and officers quarters in the background. Once the Baptists take over this property the parade ground probably will be converted into a playground and the officers quarters into dormitories in which to house visitors to the Seaside Assembly.

'Parity' Members Sought By Head Of Farm Bureau

Farmer Must Join Himself And Secure At Least Nine Other Members to Become Eligible

Tom T. Ward, president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau, appealed today to the farmers of Brunswick County to become members of the Farm Bureau Parity for Agriculture Club. "To become a member," Mr. Ward said, "it is necessary for a person to join the Brunswick County Farm Bureau and secure the memberships of at least nine other farmers."

During the 1949 State-wide Farm Bureau membership drive 1,827 Tar Heel farm men and women were members of the club, thereby dedicating themselves to fight for the parity principles for agriculture and pledging themselves to make whatever sacrifices necessary to give farm people the same protection that is afforded other groups. Farm Bureau memberships written by Parity Club members last year totaled 53,420.

"The Parity for Agriculture Club was formed in honor of the past president of the American Farm Bureau, Edward A. O'Neal, who during 16 years as president fought constantly for parity income for the farmers of the Nation," Mr. Ward said. "The North Carolina Farm Bureau recognizes its members who perform specified duties in procuring memberships each year as Edward A. O'Neal Parity Club Members."

President Ward explained that the man and woman securing the largest number of Farm Bureau members in the State will be given expense-paid trips to the National Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago this Fall. Awards for use in defraying the expenses of Parity Club members to the National Convention will also be made to each county reaching its minimum membership.

Joe Brooks Is Hurt In Wreck

Prominent Brunswick County Man Sustained Critical Injuries Saturday Morning In Wreck Near Piney Grove

Joe Brooks, well known resident of the Seaside community, has been in the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington, in a serious condition since Saturday morning when he was injured in a wreck on U. S. Highway No. 17.

State Patrolman C. M. Cummings reports that Mr. Brooks was operating a brand new Chevrolet pulpmobile truck. At the Piney Grove Swamp bridge the machine suddenly swerved from the right hand side of the road to the left. The front end of the truck struck squarely against the end of the bridge.

The engine of the truck was driven back through the seat of the cab and the machine was completely demolished. Patrolman Cummings said he had never seen such a complete wreck.

As the engine was driven back over the seat Mr. Brooks was thrown out over it and through the closed left hand door. His left side was crushed and various other injuries were sustained. He was found about 12 feet below the road surface on the edge of the water. Patrolman Cummings had no explanation as to the cause of the wreck, other than that Brooks may have gone to sleep or lost control.

Two Marines Killed In Shallotte Wreck

Collision Between Automobile Occupied By Four Service Men And Truck Load Of Negroes Takes Two Lives

Four others are hospitalized. Joe Gause, driver of truck, absolved of all blame; wreck recalls Memorial Day Slaughter.

Duplicating on a smaller scale the Memorial Day wreck near Shallotte in which seven persons died, two U. S. Marines were instantly killed in a wreck on the Shallotte River bridge at 12:55 yesterday morning.

A car and truck figured in this accident. The car, occupied by Marines from Camp Lejeune, is said by Patrolman C. M. Cummings to have been traveling too fast. No blame has been credited to the driver of the other machine, a Studebaker truck.

The dead are Austin L. Love, 21, H. S. Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune, driver of a 1942 Ford.

Gerald K. Grenalt, Jr., 18, H. S. 1st Battalion 10th Marines, Camp Lejeune.

Injured in the Doshier Memorial Hospital are Bill J. Ford, 19, H. S. 2nd Battalion, and Joseph G. Hardley, D-2-10th Marines.

Twenty-four negroes in a two ton Studebaker truck headed South were all thrown clear of the truck. Nine of them received injuries and two were brought to the hospital. Patrolman Cummings stated Tuesday morning that only a miracle saved the entire bunch of negroes from being killed. The Studebaker truck was driven by Joe Gause, negro of the Shallotte community, and his passengers are said to have all been residents of Brunswick county.

The accident as reconstructed by Patrolman Cummings, Patrolman J. C. Pierce and Coroner J. G. Caison is that the car occupied by the Marines was traveling fast when it entered the bridge and struck the truck occupied by the negroes. Sideswiping the truck, it swerved completely around and struck the bridge.

Patrolman Cummings states that the negroes' truck was well on the outside of the curve at

Commissioners In Session Tuesday

Routine Matters Of Business Disposed Of Before Board In First Of Month Session Yesterday

Routine matters were disposed of before the commissioners here Tuesday at their first meeting for September.

The board gave Martha Littlejohn until Nov. 1 to pay her delinquent taxes in full. She was required to pay \$150.00 this week.

The board passed a resolution ordering the Veterans Service Officer to appear before this body and make a report each first Monday.

The board approved a proclamation declaring Thursday, September 9, to be observed as the 12th anniversary of the opening of the Southeastern North Carolina branch of the Social Security Administration office in Wilmington.

Whiteville Mart Sales Reach 25 Million Pounds

Warehousemen Report Local Auction Houses Are Nearly Four Million Pounds Ahead Of Last Year

NEILSON OPTIMISTIC OVER FINAL OUTCOME

Three Weeks Of Selling Time Left For Growers To Dispose Of Crop; No Block Sales Exist

Selling over five million pounds again in the five day selling period last week, the Whiteville Tobacco Market has now sold 25,001,852 pounds of tobacco in just 24 selling days, according to Sales Supervisor Dave S. Neilson.

Averaging better than a million pounds per day since the opening of the local market is experiencing one of its best seasons as far as full sales are concerned. This year, however, with the crop weighing much lighter than was anticipated, the poundage figure shows the effect of the decline.

Last season, even with less selling time, a full sale was high up over the million mark, whereas this year the poundage averages only about 1,045,000 for a full sale.

Maintaining a season average of \$51.78 has given the local market the distinction of a steady "\$50 plus average" for every selling day since the opening of the 1949 season, Neilson said. Already, the 12 warehouses in Whiteville have paid out over \$12,500,000 to the growers who have been selling on the three-sets-of-buyers market.

With approximately three weeks of selling time left, the local market is seeking the "charged" 30-million mark in pounds sold.

Last season the local market sold 27 million pounds and had the honor of having the lowest amount of decrease in sales of any market in the Border Belt. Market observers estimate that Whiteville will reach their last year's poundage by Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Growers have voiced their satisfaction in that the Whiteville market will retain their home buying and warehouse personnel for the entire season. "Of course," stated the supervisor, "when the Old Belt opens we will lose one set of buyers but with the one-sale markets closed," he added, "we will be able to insure all growers of Columbus and adjoining counties the best of service."

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Holiday Traffic Unusually Heavy

Minor Accidents Added To List Of Casualties Over Holiday Week-End

In addition to the two deaths at Shallotte Tuesday morning, Labor Day apparently had its share of minor casualties. At Thomasboro Monday a negro soldier bound for Atlantic Beach in South Carolina, is said to have lost control of his car. The machine swerved into the front of the Gus Bland filling station and was badly wrecked. The building is said to have been damaged about \$500.00. No one was hurt.

Also on Route 17 below Shallotte. Continued From Page 7

Dempsey Atkinson Misses Bill Keziah

Expresses Belief That Report Of Delivery Of Young Brahma Bull Drove Newsman Out Of Town

Dempsey Atkinson was a disappointed man Saturday morning when he arrived in Southport with a young Brahma bull aboard his pick-up truck and he couldn't find his friend, W. B. Keziah, anywhere.

"It's the first time I have ever been here and missed seeing him," he complained. "I think he must believe all these stories he writes about my Brahmas, and when he heard I was coming with this one he left town."

The Riegel Ranch at Honey Hill sold six of its Brahma steers on the Wallace livestock market this past week. The animals brought a premium of one and two cents more per pound than any other stock offered that day.

Dempsey Atkinson who trucked the steers to Wallace says that the owner of the stockyards asked him if he had fed the steers gunpowder, or what. When they got out of the truck into the cattle pen all of the buyers and spectators cleared out of the place as if by magic.

The long-eared brutes that kick like a mule, but like a goat and bite like a camel, were not a bit sociable and nobody, not even their handler, was disposed to cultivate close acquaintance with them. The sales manager announced that if there were any more young Brahma bulls coming up he would build his customers and the spectators comfortable seats outside the fence, and would also build himself a wire cage in order to sell them.

But the fact that the market was bullish and that the Brahmas brought two cents more per pound was really interesting to a lot of stock raisers.

Town Creek American Legion Post Organized

Kenneth McKeithan Is Elected First Commander Of Newest Legion Post In Brunswick County

ENTHUSIASM MARKS MEETING OF VETS

Thirty Signed As Charter Members And Installation Services Already Are Being Planned

An enthusiastic group of about 50 veterans met at Bolivia high school last week and organized the Town Creek Post, American Legion, with Kenneth McKeithan being elected its first commander. Thirty of the men in attendance signed up as charter members.

Harry L. Mintz, district commander of the American Legion, says that this was one of the most enthusiastic meetings it has been his privilege to attend. The charter has been forwarded to State Legion Headquarters and to the National office, and when it is returned an installation service will be held at the time of the next meeting. The district commander will officiate at this ceremony.

In addition to Commander McKeithan, other officers elected were Dorman L. Mercer, 1st vice-commander; Winfield Leash, 2nd vice-commander; Douglas H. Hawes, adjutant and finance officer; R. S. Willetts, chaplain; Charles Taylor, sergeant-at-arms; Charlie Robbins, historian.

This is the fourth post of the American Legion in Brunswick county. Others are located at Southport, Shallotte and Ash. The regular time for meetings will be on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

County Farmers Visit Sampson

Members Of Veterans Agriculture Class At Bolivia Pay Visit To Henry Vann Farm Near Clinton

Interested in better pasturage for livestock for Brunswick county the Smith-Douglass Fertilizer company of Navassa was host to a number of the young Farmers of the Bolivia community on a pasture trip to Clinton last week.

The immediate object of the trip was a visit to the Henry Vann farm. Mr. Vann has 140 purebred Hereford cows and keeps them on 140 acres of ladine clover and fescue pasture. This acreage would readily sustain three times the number of cows now on it. Mr. Vann really has the pasture bug and is set for an increase in his herd.

In addition to the Brunswick farmers, about a hundred other from various sections were in the four. One of these visitors asked Mr. Vann how much corn he raised. The answer was, "Absolutely none. Corn has only half the value of pasture for feed and it costs twice as much to raise it."

According to Mr. Vann's records, he is producing beef in his pastures at a cost of 5 cents per pound and is selling it at 18 cents per pound.

Sherwood Johnson of Bolivia paid especially close attention to the high grade Hereford cattle. One of the registered bulls cost \$10,000 and Mr. Vann said, "He is worth it. His calves don't gain a pound a day. They gain two pounds a day. And that is what I want."

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Mercy Of Judge Tempers Justice In Court Trial

Courtroom Spectators Join In Giving Break To Two Puerto Rican Boys Tried Here Tuesday Morning

JUDGE STEVENS HOLDING COURT

Other Matters Disposed Of During First Day's Session Were Of Routine Importance

Brunswick County citizens present in the courtroom Tuesday morning were witnesses of the fact that justice and mercy were well served when Solicitor Clinton Moore and Judge Henry Stevens came to a consideration of the case of two Puerto Rican boys charged with trespass in breaking and entering Mr. Holme's store in Shallotte.

When the Rev. H. M. Baker, local Baptist minister, learned that these two boys were lodged in the local jail he wrote Mrs. Lucy Montes, mother of one of the boys, to advise her of the plight of the boys. Her reply stating that she was a widow with no work and that the boys were on their way to Florida looking for jobs when they committed this crime aroused the interest of the local minister, Mr. Robinson the jailer, and S. B. Frink of the firm of Frink and Herring.

Contacting Mr. Holmes in Shallotte they learned that he wanted to help the young men and was not interested in prosecuting the case further. When Judge Stevens and Mr. Moore understood the circumstances the charge was reduced against the boys and the sentenced was allowed to be the time already spent in jail (four months) pending trial.

This would have been a good ending for the case, but Judge Stevens' sympathetic understanding led him to allow the Rev. Mr. Baker to make a public plea in court for the boys to help these boys get back to New York. Brunswick county citizens didn't wait for the hat to be passed around, but quickly came to the rail and speedily contributed enough to pay the expenses of the young men in getting back to their home. Mr. Baker bought their bus tickets and saw them off to New York on this bus from Wilmington with five extra dollars between them to take care of their needs until they arrive home.

It was a different Judge Stevens who Tuesday afternoon summarily ordered sheriff's officers to lock up John Daniel Evans for the night following a verbal exchange during which the jurist got the impression that the defendant was showing improper respect for law. Judge Stevens had directed a verdict of guilty, based upon the defendant's own statement, in his trial for trespass, and was about to pass sentence when the situation arose which drew down the wrath of the court. Henry Evans was co-defendant, but did not figure in the exchange. Sentence will be passed today.

Sam Hankins was tried for assault with a deadly weapon for his alleged shooting of Louis Spaulding several months ago. He was found guilty and sentence will be passed today.

Willie Mac Hardy was convicted on charges of assaulting a female and drew 3 years on the roads.

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Jury List For Superior Court

One-Week Term Will Convene On September 19 For Trial Of Civil Cases Only

The board of county commissioners met last Tuesday for the purpose of drawing a jury list for the one week term of civil court that is to convene here on September 19. The following names were drawn:

Robert Moore Willis, Charlie Williamson, J. M. Smith, Reuben L. Jones, W. J. McRackan, Southport.

William Hewett, Juanita Bennett, Ora Redwine, Wilbur C. Register, H. C. Frink, Shallotte. J. T. Hewett, W. R. Long, Lonnie Evans, B. R. Milliken. A. R. Russ, Ash.

J. C. Maultsby, J. J. Ramsauer, T. L. Tharp, Winnabow. Elizabeth Potter, W. W. Harold, J. E. Lewis, G. R. Ennis, Jr., E. M. Hickman, D. McFadyen, Floyd Wilkins, Leland.

Floyd Brittain, Carl Wescott, Leon Leonard, Ed Mercer, Bolivia.

Edwin Clammons, Hifton Holden, Wilson Lancaster, E. B. Clemmons, Carrie Jackson, Supply. Ezekiel Evans, G. C. Simmons, Freeland.

Leland community will miss them all the more.

Interviewing a dozen tobacco growers this week representing all sections of the county, we did not meet up with anybody who had a bad report to make regarding his tobacco crop or that of his neighbors. All agreed that this year's crop has been a fine one and that the price has been good.

Interviewing Dempsey Atkinson Saturday with a view of learning just how many ways the Brahma cattle can be onery, Dempsey, who is nursemaid to the calves, said, "They're just like a goat, kick like a mule and bite like a camel." When a calf or cow has to be delivered anywhere by truck it takes a real cage to hold it. If

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Sailfish Caught Offshore Tuesday

Sport fishing picked up again Tuesday afternoon with the wind swinging around to the south. The Idle-On, Captain T. H. Watts, brought in an 8-foot sailfish, caught by H. G. Carr, of Clinton. Added to this were 6 barracuda and 2 bonita.

The Botfly, Captain Basil Watts, with a party headed by Dr. Bowden of the State hospital, brought in 70 fine mackerel.

Captain Victor Lance of the Moja got 76 fine mackerel. His party was formed of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Beverage of Burgaw and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bowman, Jr., of Blackstone, Va.

The Joy, Captain George Gregory, with a party headed by Mrs. Stockton, of Lattimore, got 106 mackerel.

School Building Money Allocated

This And Nearby Counties Will Receive Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars To Aid In Construction Of Plants

This and adjoining counties will receive hundreds of thousands of dollars from the \$50 million school building fund, which came into being as the result of the \$25 million appropriation from the General Fund surplus and the \$25 million approved by the electorate in the bond election.

Allocations were announced in Raleigh last Thursday by the State Board of Education.

The figures for this and the nearby counties are: Brunswick—\$387,720.00. Bladen—\$480,408.56. Columbus—\$494,839.12; Whiteville, \$119,452.76. Pender—\$394,046.01. New Hanover—\$598,095.09.

The \$25 million from the surplus was allotted by the General Assembly and distributed the

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

On his vacation with relatives in Wilmington and visiting friends here in Southport several days ago, Dr. L. C. Fergus of Los Banos, California, was looking mighty well. Dr. Fergus lived here and practiced medicine and surgery for several years. In both of these things he acquired an exceptionally fine reputation. Owing to the fact that the children were in school, Mrs. Fergus was unable to accompany him home.

The Leland community has lost two of its better known citizens this summer, Dawson Jones some weeks ago and now Jimmie Raftery. Both were active and both had influence in their community. We shall miss both on our infrequent trips to the upper part of the county. And it goes without saying that the folks of the