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Methodist Youth Fellowship Has Meeting Monday

District Youth Fellowship Meeting Held Here Monday Evening

Christmas Theme In Decorations

Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship was held here Monday evening at the Trinity Methodist church.

The meeting was held in the church with Mrs. M. R. Hayman and Mrs. L. D. Hayman as hosts. The Christmas theme was reflected in the decorations.

The program was presented by the young people and was a delightful period of fellowship enjoyed by all present.

Brief News Flashes

BOATING ON CHANNEL
Small dredge arrived Sunday morning engaged in improving channel from Cape Fear River to Oak Island Coast Guard station.

BASEBALL GAME
Southport independent baseball team will play their first game of the season here tomorrow evening against the Shallotte all-stars.

NEWS FROM HOSPITAL
Earl I. Brown who has been receiving treatment at Washington Hospital in Washington, D. C. for the past several months, recovered sufficiently to resume Mrs. Brown with him in Washington.

OTHER DIES
Mrs. W. B. K. was received here this morning of the death of W. B. K. in a Detroit, Mich., hospital. The deceased was a brother of C. Ed Taylor and A. E. K. and is a former resident of Southport. He visited here for several days last summer.

COMMUNITY SING
There will be a Community Sing on Christmas Eve in Southport at the Baptist church under sponsorship of the Southport Woman's Club. The program, which will start at 7 o'clock, will be under the direction of Mrs. Dallas K. chairman of the music department of the club.

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION
According to Jake Tinga, veterinarian at the Bolivia farm, over 250 Brunswick county farmers attended the tractor show demonstration in Wilmington Monday. The event was educational in showing the various uses of the tractor and implements can do. The Brunswick people were of various uses to which the tractor can be put, and which had never before thought of.

DAY FOR CROP
Earl Helms, chairman of the Christian Rural Overseas Program in Brunswick county, has announced that Monday will be the date for collecting corn to be used to buy corn to send to the needy. Anyone wishing to give should please take it to the office of Supply, Woodrow Russ at Shallotte or the T. T. Ward at Longwood.

Brunswick Native District Farm Agent

Colin S. Mintz Moves Up In Extension Organization Following Outstanding Work In Wayne County

Colin S. Mintz, a native of Brunswick county, is one of five North Carolina agricultural extension agents selected this year to receive the Distinguished Service Award of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, officials at State College announced recently.

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service in the field of agriculture.

Mr. Mintz is now district agent of the Extension Service's Eastern District, which covers 16 counties. He assumed this post on September 1 after having served as farm agent in Wayne county for a period of 14 years. Prior to that time he was assistant farm agent in Nash county for about a year.

He is a 1934 graduate of State College, where he specialized in animal production. While he was farm agent in Wayne, that county made outstanding progress in livestock development. The Wayne county Livestock Development Association, Inc., organized in 1948, has sponsored several successful dairy and beef cattle shows and sales, and the newly formed Wayne Dairy Cooperative, Inc., recently completed construction of a \$118,000 milk plant near Goldsboro. The livestock group also sponsored a county agricultural fair in September.

Other North Carolinians receiving Distinguished Service Awards this year include Farm Agents H. K. Sanders of Person county, A. Q. Ketter of Cherokee, W. O.



C. S. Mintz

Davis of Halifax, and F. E. Patton of Rutherford.

Mr. Mintz is the son of Mrs. H. L. Mintz and the late Mr. Mintz of Shallotte. He married the former Miss Virginia Dodson, daughter of the former county agent for Brunswick.

Baptist Association Adopts Hospital Plan

Executive Committee Recommends That Baptist Churches Of Brunswick Sponsor Group Hospital Insurance Plan

The executive committee of the Brunswick Baptist Association held its monthly meeting at Supply Monday night with chief item of interest being a discussion of recommending that the Baptist churches adopt and promote among their members a group hospital insurance plan for the Church membership. Such a plan has been in operation at the Southport Baptist Church for some time and the people feel that it is a real service to them.

G. A. Tenuta, representative of the N. C. Hospital Savings Association, explained the plan to the executive committee and following a discussion of the plan members of this body voted to recommend this work to the churches. He said that the Southport church was the first in the state to join in this effort, and now the Brunswick Baptist Association becomes the first organized church group to adopt the plan.

The executive committee also approved the use of a motion picture machine in the churches of the association after receiving an offer of such a machine from a young layman in the association. Present at the meeting were: H. L. Clemmons, chairman of the executive committee; H. M. Baker, moderator of the association; Woodrow Russ, J. D. White.

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Home Building Continues Here

Erection of New Homes Continues at Pleasing Pace As Southport Improves Living Conditions

A block-wide strip owned by Dr. L. C. Fergus and sold by him prior to his departure for California three years ago has been undergoing the most extensive development of any area in Southport. Two nice homes have been built on the property this summer, another is now under construction and M. H. Hart says that he will begin the construction of a fourth home the first of the year. He has already graded for the foundation.

In addition to the above on the former Fergus property, J. Ramsauer of the Pleasant Oaks Plantation recently bought an adjoining lot and will start the construction of a home the first of the year. The Bell Telephone people are (Continued on page 7)

Sportsmanship Is Subject Of Talk By Rev. Caudill

Pastor Of Zion Methodist Church Made Impressive Talk On Value Of Athletic Training

ANNUAL BANQUET HELD AT BOLIVIA

Varied And Interesting Program Presented With Students Of The Various Schools Participating

The Brunswick county basketball teams held their annual banquet in the Bolivia gymnasium Tuesday evening, November 29. A delicious ham dinner with all of the trimmings was served by the Bolivia lunch room personnel. Principal T. O. Page of the Bolivia school, who served as toastmaster, extended a cordial welcome to members of the county board of education, to the principals, coaches, players and their special guests.

Each of the five schools participated in the program by rendering their school song and by giving an entertaining stunt. The speaker of the evening, Rev. R. H. Caudill, pastor of Zion Methodist church, was introduced by the toastmaster. Mr. Caudill gave a very inspiring address on "Sportsmanship and Its Carry-over Into the Game of Life".

County Superintendent J. T. Denning made a brief talk, complimenting the schools for the efforts they have put forth to bring about a unified program and a better school relationship. He also stated that the main purpose in having this annual banquet is to help the teams become better acquainted with one another and to encourage good sportsmanship.

The banquet was brought to a close by each group of cheer leaders giving a yell for their school.

Name Tax Listers For The County

Commissioners Name Men And Women To Assist With Listing Property For Taxes During January

The principal business disposed of by the board of county commissioners here Monday was the appointment of list takers for the various townships.

M. B. Chenis was named to do this work in Northwest; E. O. Rabon, Town Creek; Mrs. John G. Caison, Smithville; Bedford Ludlum, Lockwoods Folly; Cecil Hewitt, Shallotte; D. B. Edwards, Waccamaw.

A total of \$29.00 was added to the general relief fund at the request of Miss Ruth Paterson, superintendent of public welfare.

The John Everett land was ordered sold to Amaret S. Butler for the sum of \$80.00. A refund due J. L. Henry on his tax account was ordered credited to his 1949 (Continued on page 7)

Fire Destroys Coleman Place

Fire early this morning destroyed Coleman's place and the Hardee garage near the intersection of U. S. No. 17 with U. S. No. 74 and 76 near Brunswick river bridge.

No details of the blaze were available here at an early hour but radio listners discovered that station WMFD suffered a service interruption because of damage to communication wires running to the studio from the towers in Brunswick county.

Owner Showing Some Interest In Development

Letter From Frank Sherrill Is Non-Committal, But Indicates Some Interest In Possibility Of Developing Bald Head Island

There is at least a possibility that something may be done to start the development of Bald Head Island within the next year. Recently four prominent residents of Charlotte spent a week on the island. When they departed they stated that there were plans to form a 200-man club to develop the property.

This week W. B. Keziah received a letter from Frank Sherrill, owner of the island and also owner of the S. & W. chain of Cafeterias. Mr. Sherrill admitted that there was talk of such an undertaking. However, he still has nothing definite along the development line.

Mr. Sherrill said he believed that such a movement for development, a club that would build a hotel on the island and other facilities, would be the best way to introduce the island to the general public. His letters wording indicated that some rather serious consideration was being given to development.

The island consists of about 17,000 acres of land, about half of this area having a dense semitropical growth. It is often called North Carolina's little bit of the tropics. The thousands of people who have visited the place despite the lack of facilities for taking care of visitors are constantly marveling that nothing has ever been done to develop the beautiful body of land and its many (Continued on page 7)

Tenants Eligible For Cotton Vote

If There Is Any Question Of Eligibility, Benefit Of Doubt Will Go To Person Seeking Voting Privilege

The county office of the Production and Marketing Administration stressed this week the fact that tenants and sharecroppers as well as landlords, who had an interest in a crop of cotton produced in 1948, are eligible to vote in the national cotton marketing quota referendum on Thursday, December 15.

"We are laying special emphasis on this point," says Elroy King, (Continued on page 7)

Scene Of Activity



BUSY—Trinity Methodist church in Southport has been the scene of much activity during the past week. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings a program of visitation evangelism was carried on. Monday evening the Methodist Youth Fellowship was host to a sub-district meeting. Tuesday night the first quarterly conference was held with District Superintendent C. D. Barcliff presiding.

Fishing Cycle May Be Swinging South Again

At Least That Is What Present Signs Are Indicating According To Men Who Have Made Study Of Business

SEVEN FACTORIES HERE ONE TIME Following Profitable Period Of Operation Many Years Ago Operations Moved Up Coast; Some May Return

Twenty-five years ago and more the North Carolina menhaden industry centered off Southport with practically all of the operations being carried on during fall months of each year. During those days the main product was fish oil. Acid scrap for fertilizers was a minor item. Summer fish that had no oil did not justify operations for the scrap value.

In those days there were seven fish factories in the Southport area. One was at Shallotte Village Point; the Thompson fisheries on Dutchman's Creek; Southport Fish Scrap and Oil company on the Elizabeth River just below the waterway bridge; and what is now the Brunswick Navigation company at its present location.

Three other factories were on the Cape Fear, eight miles above Southport at St. Phillips. These were the Edwards; Hayes and Menhaden Products company. The value of the boats used by all concerns ran to several million dollars and the pay rolls were also high, despite the short fall seasons while the fish had oil. The fish with oil began to move further eastward. The factories moved with them or were abandoned. One or two were destroyed by fire, others just tumbled down from age and disuse. Only the Brunswick Navigation (Continued on page seven)

National Guard Unit Inspected

Brunswick County Unit Organized With Fifty-Four Members And Three Officers

The Brunswick unit of the National Guard passed inspection last week and is now a full-fledged organization with 54 members and 3 officers. They will use the Hut of the Shallotte Post of the American Legion as an armory for the present and will hold meetings each Friday night. The officers are Lt. John Burns, Lt. W. T. Sellers and Lt. Carmichael. It is expected to increase the membership of the Guard to full strength within the next few months. As a convenience to the other organization, the Shallotte Post of the American Legion has changed its meeting nights to the first an dthird Tuesday nights in each month. Previously the Legion had been meeting on Friday nights, according to Commander E. H. Redwine.

County Farmers To Participate In PMA Voting

Voting Places Established In Each Township As Convenience To Those Who Wish To Cast Ballot

DIRECT VOTE FOR LOCAL COMMITTEEMEN

Delegates Will Be Chosen To Vote For County Committee To Administer Farm Program During Coming Year

Brunswick County farmers will have the opportunity to reaffirm their faith in the democratic farmer-committee system for local administration of Federal farm programs when they go to the polls on December 15 to choose the fellow farmers who will represent them as county and community Production and Marketing Administration committeemen during the coming year.

The voting places in Brunswick for the committee election and the cotton marketing quota referendum are at the following places in the designated communities: Northwest community, Maco voting place; Town Creek, Winnabow, J. L. Henry's store; Smithville, Midway Service Station; Lockwoods Folly, J. M. Parker's store; Shallotte, Grissetown, B. A. Russ store; Waccamaw, Lonnie Evans store. The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

In announcing the elections, the county PMA Committee points out that these non-partisan committees are the local administrative units for such Federal programs as Agricultural Conservation, price supports, acreage allotments, marketing quotas, the sugar program and Federal Crop Insurance.

"As representatives of their farmer-neighbors, they see to it that national and State programs are adapted to local conditions and provide the 'grass-roots' experience and thinking necessary for the intelligent formulation of new programs that changing conditions may require," says Elroy King chairman of the County PMA Committee. Eligible voters in the 6 agricultural communities will choose from (Continued on Page Seven)

Crash Boat Is Off For Repair

Local Boatmen Are Concerned Over Absence From Southport Of Valuable Coast Guard Vessel

The Coast Guard 83435, R. L. Austin commander, is now at Norfolk for its annual 10 day repair period. It should return here about December 12th. It is said that no boat will be at Southport as replacement during this period. Fishing and other local boating interests are rather much disturbed at even the brief absence of this Coast Guard vessel. It is pointed out that a number of local boats are now engaged in fishing 40, 50 and 60 miles offshore; that to these boats, as well as to other craft, the presence here of the C. G. 83435 is a needed safeguard against the loss of both life and property. The vessel is 83-feet in length, has a crew of 8 men and can readily go to sea for rescue in the (Continued on Page Seven)

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 8,	
9:35 A. M.	3:16 A. M.
9:53 P. M.	4:05 P. M.
Friday, December 9,	
10:18 A. M.	3:59 A. M.
10:38 P. M.	4:46 P. M.
Saturday, December 10,	
11:06 A. M.	4:47 A. M.
11:31 P. M.	5:32 P. M.
Sunday, December 11,	
11:56 A. M.	5:40 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:23 P. M.
Monday, December 12,	
0:29 A. M.	6:40 A. M.
12:52 P. M.	7:18 P. M.
Tuesday, December 13,	
1:31 A. M.	7:47 A. M.
1:54 P. M.	8:16 P. M.
Wednesday, December 14,	
2:35 A. M.	8:53 A. M.
2:53 P. M.	9:16 P. M.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

This week we are getting out a special section celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation, whose headquarters are at Shallotte.

There is nothing too good for us to say about this fine organization and the effect it has had upon the development of Brunswick county. It has brought about more progress during the past 10 years than had taken place during the previous quarter of a century—and we are just now getting a good start.

We are glad to have a part in this celebration, because it gives us a chance to again greet many of our old readers who for some reason or another have permitted their subscription to expire. And it gives us an opportunity to make some new friends.

Us folks here on The Pilot are kind of like the REA. We try to give good service to all the people, and we would like to be in every home in Brunswick county. This week that is just about what we are doing, since we are mailing papers to each REA customer in addition to our regular subscribers. We like this; and we'd like to do it all the time.

We have always said that The Pilot is worth a dollar and a half to anybody who lives in Brunswick. If you like the paper and have been aiming to subscribe, why not do it now? RIGHT NOW! Just mail a check or money order to the office in Southport and you will get every issue for the next 12 months.

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