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## Information On Farm Census Is Being Gathered

This Will Be Part Of Work Of Tax Listers For Six Townships As They Complete Their Task This Month

ULTIMATE AIM IS TO HELP FARMER

Listers Will Have Information On What To Include In Report And Farmers Asked To Cooperate

Tax list takers in each of the six Brunswick county townships will take the 1950 farm crop census next month, which marks the first time that such a census has been taken since 1945.

With tax listing now actively underway County agent A. S. Knowles is calling the attention of the farmers to the importance of being prepared to give a 1949 crop report when they go to list their taxes.

The average farmer stands in need of more detailed information about the crop census toward which he will be asked to contribute certain information.

As an over-all objective, the State will be seeking to learn in some detail the different crops planted on each farm, and the acreage of the crop during the 1949 year, the number of persons on each farm and the number of livestock.

No attempt will be made to gather information concerning crop yields nor any report on the money value of such crops.

The census will show statistically the acreage of plowable, land used for crops, the acreage of idle land, woodlands, pastures, etc. It will seek to learn the amounts of fertilizer used per acre for each crop.

Under livestock, the census will list numbers of milk cows, hogs and chickens.

The intent of the 1949 General Assembly in restoring the County Farm Census to an annual basis, seems adequately summarized in a recent letter from Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine to the County Commissioners. Ballentine wrote:

"There is a widespread demand for dependable farm statistics on the county level. This information is sought after by many individuals and public agencies, by local groups as well as State and national organizations, and it is regarded as essential in planning agricultural programs affecting the farmer's welfare."

The cause of the farm census trouble of recent years was traced to local misunderstanding of its purposes, needs, reliability, uses and proven values to individual farmers as well as crop adjustment and community programs. The new findings revealed that commercial and civic needs and uses are quite as important as are those to agriculture.

It was further learned that literally all agricultural agencies and those dependent on agricultural welfare have been and will increasingly use the farm census information in promoting ever better services to North Carolina . . . a predominantly agricultural state.

Thus, the 1950 census program includes participation of all agricultural agencies, for the purpose of coordinating their interests for better services through better local and current constructive thinking and plan-

## Brief News Flashes

### LIONS TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock at the Community Building.

### ATTEND GAMES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells, Dan Earle Wells, Mrs. Bill Wells, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wells attended the Dixie Classic in Raleigh on December 23, 29 and 30.

### REVIVAL MEETING

The New Hope Presbyterian church near Winnabow is having a week's revival meeting which will end Sunday night. The Rev. L. A. Taylor of Wilmington is conducting the services. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## Postal Staff



MAIL—Mrs. Ida B. Parker, postmaster at Shallotte, is shown in the center as she pauses briefly during a busy day. On the left is Mrs. Emma H. Gore, clerk, and on the right H. L. Stanley, R.F.D. carrier for the past 25 years.—(Wilmington News Cut.)

## Commissioners Favor River Road as No. 17-A

Brunswick County Officials Add Their Voice To Proposal That Route Receive Prominent Designation

ROUTINE MATTERS BEFORE BOARD

Five Other Road Petitions Approved At Tuesday Session; Tax Adjustments Made By Board

Members of the board of county commissioners in session here on Tuesday gave their endorsement to a proposal to have the River Road designated on all highway maps as "U. S. No. 17-A."

This suggestion originated with Louis T. Moore, chairman of the Historical Commission of Wilmington, and is designed to send a good part of the tourist traffic along the picturesque River Road route. Although seven miles of this road still remain unpaved bids are expected to be asked at an early meeting of the highway commission.

Four other road problems under discussion also received approval of the commissioners. These were to recommend to the State Highway Commission that the following routes be ditched, graded and placed in all-weather condition: New Britain road 1.7 miles beyond prison camp; Cedar Grove road from Brady Hewett's to Harry Bryants, distance of 4-miles; Old Fayetteville road, 5-mile stretch at Leland; Big Tar Landing road, 6-miles in distance.

The commissioners entered into an agreement with A. W. Benton whereby he is to pay \$50.00 now on his delinquent taxes, with 12 months in which to pay the balance of \$149.86.

R. Register was relieved of \$500.00 valuation due to error in listing.

## Leland Farmer Growing Grapes

G. C. McKeithan Pleased With First Fruits Of Vines He Set Out Three Years Ago

Growing scuppernon grapes has taken on much impetus in Brunswick during the past several years. Usually such vines first begin bearing in their third year. This year's production should greatly reflect the increased interest in planting and caring for this crop.

G. C. McKeithan of Leland stated this week that he planted 106 scuppernon vines three years ago. This past summer he gathered 1300 pounds as their first year of bearing. This year his production should be doubled several times over. He has these vines all supported by substantial arbors and is very proud of the growing progress they have made.

Last summer Mr. McKeithan planted 120 additional vines and

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## Colored Couple Speed Production

Johnie Paul Stanley and his wife, a colored couple living near Longwood, have been married 10 years and have eleven children, eight boys and three girls. Their six youngest children are composed of three sets of twins, all under three years of age.

The first five children, according to L. C. Bland of Longwood, were all boys. Lately it has been double or nothing. During the past three years when the doctor has gone away from attendance on Johnie's wife he has invariably said: "It is just another boy and girl."

## Winnabow Man Dies Suddenly

Body Of William B. Taylor Found In Woods Near Home; Funeral Services Sunday Afternoon

Mr. William B. Taylor, 66, was found dead in the woods near his home at Winnabow Friday night. He had been missing since about 10:30 o'clock that morning and his death is supposed to have occurred shortly thereafter.

Coroner John G. Caison investigated and found that the deceased died from a heart attack and that an inquest was unnecessary.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Taylor had started in the woods to get a cable, used in stretching wire fence. His body was found only a short distance from the cable and he had evidently dropped dead while proceeding towards it. The body was found by Wendell Sellers who with several others was searching following the failure of Mr. Taylor to return home.

The body was taken from the Kilpatrick Funeral Service to the Reynolds graveyard near Winnabow Sunday. Funeral services were held at the graveside with the Rev. Russell Caudill of Zion Methodist church officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were Thomas Rabon, Ross Rabon, (Continued on Page Five)

## Prominent Doctor Suffers Stroke

Dr. J. A. Stone, prominent physician of Little River, S. C., and extensive property owner in Brunswick, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home Friday. He is said to be gravely ill in the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Dr. Stone was born and reared in Brunswick county. He is an uncle of H. C. and J. L. Stone of the Shallotte community and has many other relatives in that section of Brunswick.

## Dredging Will Begin Soon On Factory Site

Application Has Been Made To U. S. Army Engineers For Permission To Dredge Portion Of Old Elizabeth River Channel

NEW FISH FACTORY PLANNED NEAR HERE

Application Made In Name Of W. S. Sanders Of Norfolk, Who Is Understood To Be Interested In Factory

Public notices have been made by the Wilmington District Army Engineers that W. S. Sanders of Norfolk and Southport has made application for dredging a part of the old channel of the Elizabeth River, just north of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, near the Fort Caswell draw bridge. The dredged material will be placed on shore on property owned by the applicant.

Plans for the above dredging may be seen at the Engineers office in Wilmington or at the Post Office in Southport. Objections from the standpoint of navigation or otherwise were being received at the Engineers office through today.

This dredging is understood to be a necessity in relation to the construction of a new menhaden fish factory at the above location. Some of the work of clearing the site for the factory, etc., has already been done and active construction will get underway this month. Mr. Sanders is a brother of M. R. Sanders of Southport. His associates in the construction of the factory have not been revealed, but it is understood that a modern plant will be built.

## Interest Steady In Beach Lots

Chas. M. Trott Advises That Off-Season Sales Have Been Unusually Strong During The Winter Months

The pending development of the new resort town area at Long Beach is not having any effect in lessening interest in the old and already well established part of the resort. Rather, the interest is increasing with people trying about every day to rent cottages for the week or month during the summer.

Charles Trott, who does much rental business at the beach, says that the inquiries now coming in for cottages are very unusual for this season of the year. Not only are folks trying to rent for the summer, they are buying building lots and all such buyers say that they intend to build cottages right away.

Illustrative of the activity, Walter B. Mathes and H. D. Mathes, both of Charlotte, came in Saturday and both bought building lots. Both of them paid down on their lots and requested that deeds be made out for immediate delivery. They intend to build their cottages at once.



## Our ROVING Reporter

Syndicates distribute matter to newspapers throughout the country with release dates so that the matter may appear in all newspapers at the same time. When King Feature Service released one of Ripley's daily cartoons last week showing the old Indian Trail Tree in the yard at Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, the release date was hardly over before we began to receive clippings. The first one was sent in by Bennie D. Swain of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Southport. Others are now coming in daily.

R. D. White, Sr., of Shallotte is hereby nominated as being the champion checker player in Brunswick county. But with the start that we had a couple of decades ago, and provided we had as much time for practice as he has had, we believe we could lick him. We haven't had the practice nor the tough birds to furnish opposition that Mr. White has had. Still we believe that somebody here in Brunswick can lick R. D. and here's our offer

of a year's subscription to The State Port Pilot to the first man who will go around and give him his deserts.

Summing up some of the holiday business in Brunswick county, Hobson Kirby of the Shallotte Trading Company and D. Carl Andrews of D. C. Andrews both said that they had extra good business. Both of them have stocks in fine shape for the beginning of the new year. The Shallotte Trading Company recently sold out its grocery department in order to specialize in dry goods. Harry Mintz of Mintz & Company has also embarked on the nice holiday business.

Southport shrimp boat owners are resourceful. With no shrimp to be found anywhere along the coast, they still have no thought of tying up and waiting until shrimp show up again. They have gone trawling for menhaden with right much success. The prediction is that they will find plenty of

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## Vice President Seen In County

Shallotte folks seem to have had the edge on other North Carolina towns last week when Vice President and Mrs. Barkley drove through from Sea Island, Ga., to Washington.

The papers had said that the couple were driving over Route 17 and the Shallotte folks promptly began to keep an eye on that thoroughfare. When the red convertible hove into sight, there was plenty of Shallotte folks out to see it go by.

Leon Galloway says that Mrs. Barkley was driving and that they proceeded slowly through town, Mrs. Barkley and her husband waving to everybody and getting waved at in return.

## Former Sheriff F. L. Lewis Dies In Wilmington

Well Known Brunswick County Man Died Sunday In Wilmington Hospital Following Extended Illness

Frances London Lewis, lifetime resident of Brunswick county, died Sunday morning in the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington. Mr. Lewis was 65 years old and had been in ill health for some years.

A former sheriff of Brunswick county and very active in politics as a leader in the Republican Party, Mr. Lewis was well known throughout the county and was highly esteemed. He was born and spent most of his life in the Bolivia community, later living in Southport for some years. He moved to the Brunswick River bridge community in Town Creek township three years ago and engaged in the restaurant business.

Funeral services were held from the Bolivia Baptist church Monday. Continued On Page Five

## College Students Back To School

Boys And Girls Who Spent Holidays With Parents Have Returned To Studies

Among the college students at home with relatives in Southport for the holidays were the following: Ed. C. Newton, State College, Louis K. Newton, George Washington, and John Newton, Georgia Military Academy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newton; Joel Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Moore, and Jack Swan, son of Capt. and Mrs. John G. Swan, the Citadel; Herbert Swain, N. C. State, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swain; Frank Plaxco, Fishburn Military Academy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco; Miss Ann McRacken, Meredith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. McRacken; Miss Bess Miller Plaxco, Mary Baldwin College, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco; Miss Mary Louise Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanson, W.C.U.N.C.

## Venezuelians Stop Over In Southport

Captain Of Interesting Craft Has Thrilling War Record Dating Back To Spanish Civil War

Using a trio of 1500-horse power Packard Marine engines, the same power that shoved her along at 50 miles per hour or better during war time, a speedy passenger boat converted from a Navy P. T., stopped over at Southport from noon Sunday until Monday morning.

She was the Orient, and 80-footer. Instead of the four torpedo tubes she formerly carried her stern deck was clear of everything but a heavy railing for the protection of crew and passengers. Up forward a commodious cabin has been built, replete with windows and with 80 individual chairs for the accommodation of passenger.

According to Captain Manuel G. Cortes, skipper and part owner, the Orient will carry passengers. Her immediate destination is Puerto Sucre, Venezuela, and she will run between La Guira and Cumina, a distance of 185 miles, a round trip of 370 miles, each day. Asked if her combined 4,500 h. p. would not eat up gasoline,

Mate LeRoy W. Parler, a native of Ohio, said: "Gasoline only costs 8-cents per gallon in Venezuela."

Captain Cortes and the other four men of the crew are all Spanish. The mate, now a resident, has been following the sea for many years. He stated he will remain in Venezuela with Captain Cortes and the Orient for the passenger carrying business.

Both Captain Cortes and the mate spoke regretfully of an incident occurring in Norfolk and after leaving there. They stopped there for some repairs to the motors. Bills for these repairs were not presented until a few minutes before sailing time. They were not itemized and were considered unreasonable. Payment was refused unless itemized bills were presented before sailing time and the matter of settlement was referred to agents of Captain Cortes in Wilmington.

The boat left as scheduled but Continued On Page Four

## Indian Trail Tree In Ripley Column

Patrolmen Make New Resolutions

Among the New Year resolutions it may be recorded that Patrolman C. M. Cummings of Bolivia and Patrolman J. C. Taylor of Leland have both resolved to quit smoking.

Patrolman J. C. Pierce of Shallotte did not enter in the agreement. His wife presented him with a new pipe for Christmas. A condition of the Cummings and Taylor agreement is that the first one found smoking will have to pay the other \$6.00. Patrolman Taylor offered to split this \$6.00 with a newsman Monday, provided the newsman detected Cummings in the act of smoking.

## Crowded Docket Heard Tuesday

The Holiday Transgressions Helped Pile Up Much Work for Recorder's Court Officials

Many cases included on a docket crowded with holiday transgressors were disposed of here Tuesday before Judge W. J. McLamb, while several others were carried over to next week. The following disposition was made: Linton Lee Yates, speeding, fined \$35.00 and costs.

Wesley K. Evans, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Richard C. Bordeaux, reckless operation, continued.

Hoyd Cox, speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs.

Belvin Austin Heath, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Horace E. Ivey, hit and run, continued.

Clifford Michelson, speeding, continued.

Wilbur H. Tharp, reckless operation, not guilty.

Carl E. Mitchell, improper brakes, improper registration, fined \$20.00 and costs.

Leslie H. Rogers, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

James Whitfield, improper brakes and misunderstood signals, capias.

R. D. Peters, no operators license, continued.

Richard King, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Roosevelt Willetts, possession, continued.

Dave West, breaking, entering and larceny, guilty of forcible trespass, judgment continued for 60 days.

Carl Goins, speeding, reckless operation, fined \$50.00 and costs and judge ordered license revoked.

Sam Lessine, reckless operation, capias.

Bell Alden, alias Bill Aldridge, larceny, continued.

C. R. Coleman, selling misbranded shell fish, continued.

David Lloyd Knox, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Samuel Perkins, operating auto on highway after revocation of license, capias.

Mike McAllister, manufacturing and possession, 18 months in jail, suspended on payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs and good behavior.

Aelxander Edge, non-support, (Continued on page five)

## Waccamaw Man Is Named Head Of Polio Drive

The Rev. Taft Hewett, Pastor Of Soldier Bay Baptist Church, Will Direct Campaign For Funds For Infantile Paralysis

NEED FOR FUNDS IS GREAT AGAIN

Last Year Brunswick County Contributed Generously To This Cause And That Effort Must Be Matched

The Rev. H. M. Baker, chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reported today that the Rev. Taft Hewett of Ash will be in charge of the March of Dimes in Brunswick county this year.

Selection of Mr. Hewett to head up the drive represents an effort to have a leader for the campaign representing a section of the county other than Southport since the leaders in the past several campaigns have come from this community.

Better than three thousand dollars was contributed in last year's campaign, but the 1949 polio epidemic was so devastating that this year's efforts must exceed last year's if the National Foundation is to continue its humanitarian efforts in this cause. The patient care bill for 1949 amounted to more than thirty-one million dollars, of which better than five-million was spent in care of new polio victims of the nation-wide epidemic. Five million dollars of this amount represents additional medical care for patients stricken in 1948.

"We can not foretell what 1950 will require," says Chairman Baker, "but unless there is an all-out effort on our part the National Foundation will be unable to continue its long-range research and educational programs and keep up the medical payments for those stricken with polio."

Mr. Hewett plans to carry the campaign to every home in the county through the helpful cooperation of local leaders, schools, churches and civic clubs. He hopes that the leaders in past campaigns will cooperate with others in this effort to make this the largest fund-raising effort ever undertaken for polio in Brunswick county.

Refunds Begin Soon For GI's

First Of Insurance Checks Slated To Go Out From Washington On January Sixteenth

WASHINGTON—The government will begin pouring the huge \$2,800,000,000 GI insurance refund into the hands of 16,000,000 veterans on January 16.

Veterans administration said it hopes to get most of the checks to policyholders by June 30.

The checks will range from 90 cents to \$528, with an average of about \$175.

Government economists expect a stimulating effect on business. It is the No. 1 factor experts have cited in predicting good conditions throughout the first half of 1950.

Some effect of the insurance refund already has been felt in spending by way of credit.

## Tide Table

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

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday January 5,	
8:34 A. M.	2:16 A. M.
8:51 P. M.	2:59 P. M.
Friday January 6,	
9:16 A. M.	2:59 P. M.
9:34 P. M.	3:40 P. M.
Saturday January 7,	
9:59 A. M.	3:45 A. M.
10:21 P. M.	4:31 P. M.
Sunday January 8,	
10:44 A. M.	4:32 A. M.
11:12 P. M.	4:06 P. M.
Monday January 9,	
11:34 A. M.	5:25 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	5:53 P. M.
Tuesday January 10,	
8:08 A. M.	6:23 P. M.
12:28 P. M.	6:46 P. M.
Wednesday January 11,	
1:09 A. M.	7:26 A. M.
1:25 P. M.	7:44 P. M.

## Tobacco Meeting Wednesday Night

County Agent A. S. Knowles states that there will be a county-wide tobacco production meeting at the Shallotte school Wednesday night, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock. This meeting is designed to give tobacco farmers information on variety, fertilization, cultivation, control of disease and proper soil type.

S. N. Hawkes, extension tobacco specialist, will assist with the meeting and will bring slides to illustrate his talk. All tobacco growers and others interested are urged to be present.