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Berry Harvest Next In Line

Indications Point To Busy Season For Pickers At Blueberry Farm Near Southport During June

Beginning some time next week

be needed at the Graham and more mature, the production Keys blueberry farm two miles expected to much more than doufrom Southport, according to ble, with continued increase in George Ayers, manager of the production year by year as new acreage comes into production. It The blueberries are now near is the plan to ultimately have

the ripening stage and promise 200 acres in the plants. a good yield of an excellent The picking and packing labor Lower Cape Fear Soil Conserquality of berries, Ayers says. It is expected to come from South- vation District held a business is expected that this year's pick- port, or within a short distance meeting at the County Agent's

folks who have been pulling Thursday.

o'clock

some 60 to 70 berry pickers and age coming into bearing and with 5 to 8 packers at the shed will this year's bearing plants being plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking into bear age coming into bear age coming plants being on a soon age the bean picking into bear age coming into bear age coming plants bear age coming into bear age coming plants bear age coming into bear age coming plants bear age complete the plants and picking bears age complete to start ing were: Homer A. Munroe, day in favor of Republican Sector age complete the plants bear age coming plants bear age complete to start ing were: Homer A. Munroe, day in favor of Republican Sector age complete to the plants bear age comple 5 to 8 packers at the shed will this year's bearing plants being on as soon as the bean picking slow up.

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KIRBY HARDWARE SHALLOTTE, N. C.

I AM GRATEFUL

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the voters of Brunswick county for once more giving me a majority vote in the Democratic Primary Election. It is nice to know that I have the confidence of the people, and I will do my best to live up to this trust.

R. L. RABON

THE STATE PORT PILOT, SOUTHPORT, N. C.

Buck Creek Watershed Project Is Approved By District Supervisors

The District Eupervisors of the | Baker's Widow To ing will result in 1,800 cases at from the blueberry farm. The office in Whiteville at 2:30 p. m. Baker, widow of a Democratic

Gore and Evander Arnette, party in 1940 to support Republi-T. Columbus County; J. H. Tinga, Can presidential candidate Wen-New Hanover County; and A. B. dell L. Willkie.

Herring, Pender County. The principal item of business was consideration and endorse- First World War, said she had

ment of the Buck Creek Flood joined the Ohio committee of in-Winter Park Defeated In Re- Conrtol and Drainage Project dependent voters for Taft, and turn Engagement Sunday Afternoon In Wilmington which the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers is now studying to de-campaign. would take an active part in its soldiers were dead today, two were in critical condition and nine others were hospitalized after Afternoon In Wilmington termine whether Federal assis-

Starting off their season by tance is needed. defeating Winter Park 9 to 8 in The Buck Creek Watershed 10 inning affair, the Southport contains approximately 35,000

ndependent boys under Manager acres, 22,000 acres of which are Blackie Webb seem to be heading in Horry County, South Carolina, and 13,000 acres are in Columbus for a good season. Saturday they followed up by County.

rouncing Seagate 12 to 2. Sunday they went to Wilmington and by the Horry County Soil Con- downtown San Rafael collapsed on proved their previous victory ever servation District and agricultural them Winter Park was no fluke. Win- workers in South Carolina. The ' The dead man was tentatively ter Park came out on the short Soil Conservation Service tech- identified as Jack Miller. Critiend of the 7 to 3 score. In this nicians in both North Carolina cally injured was Bill Bottini. game Bill McDowell got 4 hits and South Carolina are cooperat- The downtown area of the city out of 5 trips to the plate.

The Wilmington Tigers, accord- collecting information about the Saint Raphael mission flesta paring to manager Webb, are sche- project. duled to come down here at 3 The District Supervisors of the

ATTEND GRADUATION and sent a statement to the En-Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Waggett are gineers Office at Charleston, S. Charleston, S. C., this week C., pledging their cooperation.

ttending graduation exercises at Medicine on Thursday. Dr. Wag-Carolina Association of Soil Con-

Following the business meeting, the supervisors were conducted on a short tour of several farms near Whiteville to study conservation practices and programs which district cooperations are applying. C. D. Raper, County Agent; H. M. Stott, District Conservationist; and Herbert L. Col-Conservation Aid accompanied the group as guides to point out interesting phases of the work being done by cooperating farmers.

State Leads In **Crop Insurance**

30,560 Contracts Now In Force In North Carolina; Columbus County In Tobacco Insurance Group

Another "first" for North Carha was marked up this week

NCS Sports Card motor pool

RALEIGH - Two baseball One of the men died last night their youngest son, John, is atgames-both involving N. C. State and the second early today.

College-and an inter-conference track meet at Atlanta this week SELLS HOME AND bring to an end this year's spring Continued From Page One sports schedule for the State's manager. Mr. Aldridge has been ger attended to this work per-CLEVELAND-Mrs. Newton D. Big-Five colleges.

> On Tuesday state's diamond nine invades Chapel Hill for Monday. A work was done by the other Monday. North Carolina's season finale. Crary at Asheboro to wind up its slate

Two Soldiers Are

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, - Two soldiers were dead today, two

To Death In Blaze

Favor Sen. Taft

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., - One fireman burned to death and another was critically burned when The project is being sponsored the roof of a blazing garage in

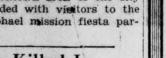
local district, in their meeting 25 Are Killed In Thursday, endorsed the project

Ammo Plant Blast BOMBAY, India,---Twenty-five The Supervisors had as their workers were killed today when

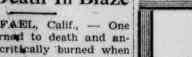
Charleston Medical College. Their son, Kenneth, will graduate in N. C. Begils of Macclesfield, Gwalior City, in Central India,

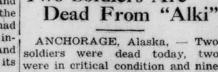
who lead a brief informal dis- medieval city, was demolished. cussion on the work of Soil Con- Police believed an accidental fire

Sale of



ing with the Army Engineers in was crowded with visitors to the





drinking methonal (wood) alcohol flow of electricity is called a tion to make out their vouchers taken from the Fort Richardson ""non-conductor."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1950

Beach. It is said they will retain Military officials said the 13 their home at the beach, staying To End This Week servicemen held an "experimen- there during the summer months tal" drinking party Friday night. and in Southport in winter while

tending school.

SERVICE GRAVES Continued From Page One

with Harrelson's Grocery since it sonally. was first established. He took It is understood that similar

In moving to Monroe Mr. and county at Shallotte, Ash and Mrs. Cranmer have sold their Town Creek. The flags were beautiful home in Southport to placed on all known graves of

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco, of service men, regardless of what Long Beach. war they may have served in. An interesting detail of this Apart from the observance by transaction is that Mr. and Mrs. the Legion, the bank, post office,

Plaxco built the Cranmer home city and county offices all closed and resided there for several years for the day. Sam T. Bennett, before selling it to Mr. and Mrs. clerk of the Superior court, kept Cranmer and building at Long his office open all day, assisting Any material which resists the the workers in the primary elec-

for payment.

American Legion Posts in the

Thank You Folks

Thank you for the fine vote you gave me Saturday in the Primary Election. Although I am an unsuccessful candidate, I enjoyed the race, and I now wish to offer my congratulations and best wishes to my opponent.

Elrich Y. Hickman

Democratic Candidate For Clerk Of Court

Why Increased Telephone **Rates Are Necessary** in North Carolina

Present rates are not sufficient to meet the state's record-breaking demands for good and growing telephone service

N. C., President of the North police reported. The building, located in the servation District Supervisors, main business center of the touched off the blast.

gett will at the same time take part on the graduation program. servation Districts.

Fireman Is Burned

Mrs. Baker, whose husband was cabinet member during the

THANK YOU FOLKS

I want to thank the voters of Brunswick county for the fine support they gave me in the Primary Election Saturday. I am deeply grateful for their expression of confidence in me, and I shall do my best never to let them down.

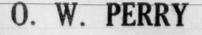
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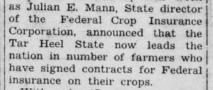
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I appreciate the fine vote that my friends and supporters in every section of Brunswick county gave me in the First Primary Saturday, May 27th. In casting their ballot for me these people expressed their confidence in my promise to serve them fairly and fearlessly as head of the law enforcement forces of our county.

In the event of a Second Primary Election I urge you all to hold fast to our strong vote, and to do all in your power to build up a winning majority over my one remaining opponent.





With only 17 counties participating, North Carolina has 30,560 crop insurance contracts in force. Of this number, 23,574 were signed in 1950, and the other 6,986 are carryovers from previous years. All contracts are written on a continuing basis and remain in effect until cancelled.

In addition, Mann said, the Tar Heel State has the highest percentage of eligible farmers signed up in cotton counties, and its ecord in premium collections last year was second highest in the South and well above the national average.

Cleveland leads all cotton counies in the State in percentage of eligibles under contract. Beaufort, which started its program only this year, leads the tobacco counties, with Caswell and Jones tied or second place.

Mann said credit for the State's outstanding record in crop insurance is due to the work of county FCIC committees and sales agents appointed by them, as well as to the cooperation of other agricultural agencies and farm groups

Of North Carolina's total of contracts, 23,679 are written on tobacco, 6,635 on cotton, and 246 on multiple crops. Tobacco insurance is offered in Caswell, Forsyth, Surry, Stokes, Vance, Wake, Beaufort, Duplin, Jones, Pitt, Wilson, and Coulmbus; cotton insurance, in Cleveland, Polk, Mecklenburg, and Rutherford; and multiple crop insurance, in Perquimans only.

Quotas On Marine Enlistments Lifted

RALEIGH-For the first time n more than a year, the monthly enlistment quota for Marine Corps applicants in this area has been lifted. Enlistments for the months of May and June are now unlimited, Capt. M. D. Smith, Jr., officer in charge of recruiting for the state, announced today.

"Waiting lists are now a thing of the past," the captain said. "Any interested applicant between the age of 17 and 29 who can pass the mental and physical examination will now be accepted as soon as he is ready," he added.

The cost of facilities to do the tremendous telephone job that the public wants done in North Carolina has increased sharply during the last few years. These increased costs have made it necessary for us to invest huge and ever-increasing amounts in telephone equipment to serve the people of the state.

Facilities to Improve and Expand Service Cost Large Sums of Money

This growing investment is already so great that, under present rates for service, telephone earnings in North Carolina are not sufficient to meet the needs for good service-and the earnings are going down.

A year and a half ago our North Carolina investment in selephone facilities averaged \$234 per telephone ... but for each telephone added since that time, the cost has been \$354. Subscriber rates designed for a \$234 telephone are, of course, too low for a \$354 telephone, leaving an investment of \$120 per telephone for which present rates provide no return at all.

Each added telephone increases the value of the service to existing subscribers because they can reach and be reached by more people. Since 1945, we have added approximately 140,000 telephones in North Carolina-an increase of more than 86%. Adding these telephones, and improving the service in other ways, has cost \$51,000,000 in new facilities.

Rate Increases To Date Lag Far Behind **Our Increased Costs**

In addition to construction costs, all other costs of providing service-wages, taxes, materials, supplies, services of others and so on-also are up drastically.

For example, from 1939 through 1949, wage increases added \$7,000,000 annually to our costs in North Carolina. Our annual revenue from rate increases since 1939 is failing to cover this one item alone-failing by \$2,240,000, to say nothing of all the other cost increases.

Even since the present telephone rates were established in April 1949, several items of cost have increased. Employee pension costs went up in November 1949. Social Security taxes went up in January 1950. Wage costs are going up as a

result of the shortening of wage schedules agreed upon in May 1950.

Another reason for the lag of telephone rates behind telephone costs is that, when the present rates in North Carolina were authorized in April 1949, they were \$1,000,000 short of what the Company asked for and badly needed at that time.

Good Telephone Service Essential To Progress In State

A constantly improving and expanding telephone service is essential to the progress and development of fast-growing North Carolina. To meet the state's telephone needs, Southern Bell is now constructing facilities at the rate of about \$12,000,000 a yearand continued construction at this high level will be needed in each of the next few years.

The money to pay for new facilities does not come from subscribers' payment of their bills. These monthly receipts cover only wages, taxes, maintenance and other day-to-day costs. Capital for new facilities must come from people who can be encouraged to invest their money in the telephone business.

Present Earnings Are Inadequate To Attract Needed Capital

Southern Bell's earnings in North Carolina today are too low to attract the additional capital needed to continue good service for present subscribers and to continue expanding the service. Despite insufficient postwar earnings, we have been able to obtain needed construction capital up to now because of investors' faith in the soundness and fairness of North Carolina and its institutions. However, actual earnings and not hoped-for earnings must of necessity be the basis of raising capital for future construction.

For all these reasons, we have applied to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for revised rates.

North Carolina telephone rates have advanced only about one-third as much as prices in general. Under new rates, telephone service will continue to improve-and it will continue to be one of today's biggest bargains.

> 7. G. Booth North Carolina Manager

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

