

Survey Shows Timber Facts For Brunswick

More Than Ten Million Feet
Of Lumber Being Produced
From Brunswick County
Forests Each Year

FIGURES FROM FEDERAL SURVEY

**Brunswick Has 580,500 Acres
Of Which Total Of
430,300 Is Classified
As Forest**

An average of 10,708,000 board feet of sawtimber is being taken annually from the forests of Brunswick county, according to a comprehensive survey made by the State Department of Conservation and Development's forestry division in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service's Southeastern Forest Experiment Station at Asheville.

The first phase of a four-unit survey of the State's forest resources has just been completed. It covered 21 counties of the State's Southern Coastal Plain section. The next phase of the survey will get underway next month in the northeastern section of the State. The surveyors will then go into the Piedmont and mountain areas.

The survey, first to be undertaken of North Carolina's forest resources since 1937, is being made for the purpose of finding out the volume of standing timber and the trends in growth and drain in the woodlands as they relate to the needs of the wood-using industries operating in North Carolina, according to State Forester Fred H. Claridge.

The survey revealed, Claridge said, that forest lands total 5,500,000 acres in the 21 counties surveyed by State and Federal foresters in the first unit studied. The acreage of forest land was found to be slightly less than it was in 1937, being down 1.4 percent.

Counties surveyed in the first phase of the study were: Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Greene, Duplin, Sampson, Wayne, Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, Cumberland, Johnston, Harnett, Hoke, Scotland, Lee Moore, and Richmond. While an average of over 10 million board feet of sawtimber is being taken annually from Brunswick county forests, the forest surveyors found the net volume of sawtimber of all species in the county at the end of 1952 was 775,000,000 board feet. The average annual drain on growing stock of all species of wood products, including sawtimber in Brunswick county by cords is 37,000.

The total standing volume by cords, including sawtimber, was put at 2,971,000.

The total land area in Brunswick county is 580,500 acres, of which 430,300 acres, or about 78 percent, is classified as forest land.

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Brunswick Man Honored



PROMOTED—Marine Staff Sgt. James C. Hewitt (left) is presented his certificate by Marine Lt. Col. Rufus D. Sams upon completing a basic extension course preparing him for a limited officer's commission here at an air base of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. He is the son of James V. Hewitt who lives near Supply, and husband of the former Miss Mamie Holden now living in Wilmington.

Sports Fishing Still Going On

**Sunday And Monday Parties
Had Some Of Best
King Mackerel Catches
That Have Been Reported
This Season**

THREE BOATS ON WAY TO FLORIDA

**The Cadet And Idle-On III
And Idle-On IV Will Be
In Florida Keys For
Winter Months**

Three members of the Southport sports fishing fleet departed Tuesday for winter fishing in Florida, but they left behind some of the best fishing for king mackerel that has been done here in years. Heading South were the Cadet of Captain Howard Victor and the Idle-On III and Idle-On IV of Capt. Hulian Watts. These boats will base in the Florida keys and will spend a busy winter.

The day before they left Capt. Basil Watts carried out a party on the Idle-On II for their first deep-sea trip. They came in with 48 king mackerel, 8 bonito and 6 amberjack. In the group were H. Honkle and J. Anderson of Lowesville. On Sunday this same boat had 42 king mackerel for R.E.L. Brown and party from Myrtle Beach.

The Sunday trip for J. C. Tate and party of Salisbury fishing aboard the John-Ellen with Capt. Walter Lewis resulted in 41 king mackerel, 3 bonito and 4 amberjack. The day before the Barkley party from Sanford caught 40 king mackerel.

There still are eight or ten party boats at Southport available for charter, and when the weather is good there is every prospect for good catches.

Routine Cases Tried In Court

**Traffic Violations Once
More Take Up Greatest
Amount Of Time In
Weekly Court Session**

Traffic violators took up most of the time in the regular weekly session of Brunswick county recorder's court Monday. The following judgments were handed down: Hoyal Varnum, Jr., reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Jerry Cogsdell, Jr., speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs. James Edward Brown, reckless operation, fined \$35.00 and costs. Raymond Peterson, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs. Robert Franklin Gantt, speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs. Clayton Burkle Bennett, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$50.00 and costs. Homer Franklin Long, speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Archie O'Brien Holden, reckless operation, fined \$15.00 and costs. James Robert Milliken, following too close, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Samuel Grissett, improper left turn, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Ernest Douglas Holden, speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs. Johnnie Preston Varnum, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Thirteen other cases, all involving speeding, brought in by State Highway Patrol were continued, the defendants being under bond.

Joe Stanaland Heading Farm Bureau Again

**Membership Meeting Held
At Bolivia With Repre-
sentative From State Of-
fice As Principal Speaker**

MEMBERSHIP QUOTA EXCEEDED FOR 1953

**Announcement Made Of
New Members Elected To
Serve On Board Of Di-
rectors Of Organi-
zation**

Joe C. Stanaland was re-elected president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau at a membership meeting held at Bolivia, J. E. Gilbert is the new vice-president and Bailey Russ was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Walter Lowery, field supervisor for Farm Bureau, was the principal speaker and made an interesting talk. Announcement was made that this year Brunswick county exceeded its quota in the membership drive. Several resolutions were prepared to be presented during the State Convention in Raleigh this week.

New members of the board of directors for the Brunswick County Farm Bureau are C. W. Harvell, S. L. Purvis, F. H. Swain, J. J. Hawes, A. W. Bradsher and Lonnie Evans. Other members of the board whose term has one more year to run are D. G. Clark, D. Russell Johnson, Clarence Lennon, Hamilton O. Robinson, Joe C. Wilson and Roddie R. Bennett.

Change Made In Building Site

**The Administration Building
Will Not Be At En-
trance To Sunny Point
Highway No. 303, But
Two Miles Inside Reser-
vation**

Although the main entrance to the government terminal reservation will be where originally planned on 303-87 just above Bethel Church, the administration building will be two miles or more further down in the reservation. Moving the location for the administration building was, according to Colonel Raymond L. Hill, for the purpose of placing the administration building and mess hall nearer the scene of activities. Workers will get their noon lunches in the administration building area, the Colonel said.

The original plans would have required many of the workers to go five and six miles for their lunches, and would have removed them from danger areas at such times when ammunition is being handled. However, ammunition will not compose everything that is shipped.

In fact, all information received now from high sources indicate that the installation will simply be U. S. terminals to handle everything the government needs to have shipped. There will be no depot or storage buildings. When ammunition is to form an outgoing cargo the railroad trains bringing it in will, when they have to wait, be shuttled into the barricaded sidings in an isolated sector.

Some sources say that for the main part and except in cases of emergency only one dock may be (Continued on Page Four)

Pastor



**E. C. REEVES, pastor, is con-
ducting a series of revival ser-
vices this week at Chapel Hill
Baptist Church near Shallotte.
Everyone is invited to attend.**

Speculation As To Appearance Of Hole In Road

**Mysterious Excavation Dis-
covered On Old Beach
Road; Theory Advanced
That May Be Meteor Cra-
ter**

Take it from us, Brother, there has been some kind of an explosion the past week, on the Cassion past week on the Cassion road from where the Long Beach road turns off from the highway.

Monday morning, Mrs. Grace Ruark asked us if we had seen the meteor hole? We had seen no hole, Mrs. Ruark had not heard the meteor falling and she had not seen the hole. We paid the question no mind.

But about about dusk Ormond Leggett intercepted us and did some further interrogating about the hole. Not having any satisfactory answer, we were told: "Get in this pickup truck."

In short order we parked on the shoulders of the highway and walked for 150-feet down the old road that leads to the Fort Caswell pumping station.

There was the hole, all of 30-feet across, apparently about 8 or 10-feet deep. No mortal man had dug it. The dirt was piled up perfectly, circling the rim; small trees were uprooted outward; a heavy sprinkling of sand was scattered for 75 or 100-feet around.

"Is that a meteor hole," asked Ormond? "It ain't," we said. "It was made by some sort of an explosion, but no charge of dynamite ever made such a perfect hold as that."

A charge of dynamite ranges downward. This hole was dug from the bottom upward and in one long, strong heave. The hole was shaped like the hole that forms in the sand that runs from an hour glass. Still, sand does not run upward. This hole was formed by something coming upward—and in haste.

"Looks like a monstrous doodle hole," said Ormond, who was seeking to throw some sort of explaining light on the situation. "If that is a doodle hole it was (Continued on Page Four)

Reporter Visits With Patrolmen

**Has Opportunity To Get First-Hand Information On
Speed Clock, Plus Reaction Of Some Of Its Victims**

By W. B. KEZIAH

With not enough of the highway speed clocks available thus far the State Highway Patrol now passes the machines it has about from county to county. Patrolmen in each county are able to get the machines at least once each week.

The first of last week Patrolman R. H. Constante was telling us how the machines worked. He wound up by saying the next time they got one he would pick us up and take us around to the set-up.

It happened that the machine got around to the patrolmen in Brunswick again Thursday. That was Constante's day off from duty, but Corporal O. H. Lynch stepped into the breach. He carried us up to Route 17 above Winnabow and then had to go on into Wilmington. Sergeant A. H. Clark was elsewhere for the day and Cpl. Lynch had to spend some time in the office in his stead. With both Cpl. Lynch and Pa-

trolman Constante unable to be at the clock, Patrolman Seth Thomas of Leland and Patrolman Wilkins of Shallotte were in charge of things.

The check lines for the clock were across the road at the brow of a small hill. From these check lines two mercury switches were the cables that ran down the shoulder of the road for about 400 feet to the clock in the Thomas car.

Thomas was operating the clock and Wilkins did the stopping along and the clock would unerringly point to the speed at which it was going while passing over the 150 feet between the two check lines across the road.

If found traveling 2 or 3 miles over the speed limit Patrolman Wilkins would halt the car or truck and warn the operator he was speeding. If they were traveling more than 3 miles above the legal rate they were cited in- (Continued On Page Four)

Air Force Will Inactivate Group

Southport Boy Wins Promotion

The Army ROTC Department at North Carolina State College announced today that Cadet Edward Joseph Hanson, Jr., of Southport has been promoted to Sergeant, first class, of "B" Company.

The promotion was made on the basis of outstanding drill performance in the Army ROTC, according to Col. Richard R. Middlebrooks, professor of military science and tactics at State College. Cadet Hanson is the son of Mrs. Mary Louise Hanson of Southport.

He has been active in the extra-curricular activity of Freshmen Rifles.

Parker Resigns As Solicitor

**The Commissioners Name J.
C. Bowman To Assume
These Duties In Brun-
swick County Recorder's
Court**

Stating that the duties of the office interfere with his regular law practice, Attorney Ernest Parker, Jr., tendered his resignation as solicitor of the Recorder's Court Monday, the resignation to be effective November 30. On motion by Commissioner Leo Medlin, seconded by Chairman Elmer King, James C. Bowman, Southport attorney, was named to succeed Parker.

Other business transacted by the board of county commissioners included the relieving of Henry McDaniel of \$200.00 valuation of an old home that was torn down and removed from the premises before the 1953 tax listing was done.

It was ordered that K. B. Britt be relieved of poll tax in the amount of \$4.00 for the years 1949-1950. It was shown that Britt was dead at the time and the sum was charged to his estate.

Highway Makes Road Additions

**Grading And Draining
Work Completed By State
Highway Commission For-
ces In Brunswick**

Commissioner C. Heide Trask of Wilmington today said that the State Highway Commission has completed 11.5 miles of road improvements and built three bridges in the Third Highway Division during October.

The Third, with headquarters in Wilmington, is composed of Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, and Sampson counties. C. E. Brown is division engineer.

In Brunswick County, State forces graded, drained and soiled two roads: McCoy Road, from (Continued on Page Four)

Ducks Flocking To New Refuge On Orton Land

**Wildfowl Sanctuary At Or-
ton Attracting More And
More Hungry Visitors
Every Day**

PLENTY OF FOOD READY FOR BIRDS

**Fields Of Buckwheat Have
Been Flooded And Ducks
Delight In Eating Food
Under Water**

During the past week some 160 acres of the State Wildlife Sanctuary at Orton have become a wild duck haven, and a lot of the birds are going right there, according to Norman Sutton who has been looking after the sanctuary lands.

Fifty acres of the old time rice fields were planted in buckwheat late last summer, 60 acres more were seeded to millet and 50 to rye and wheat.

The water was kept off the growing grain until last week and was then turned on. The grain was then 4 or 5 inches high and about 5 inches of water was allowed to cover the entire area. In some places the grain is just even with the surface of the water and at others it is four or five inches from the surface.

Your wild duck likes his buckwheat and grain and he likes it best of all in a place where he can reach down in the water and guzzle for it. The birds are catching on to the prepared food in great numbers. Mr. Sutton says that every bird that comes there for breakfast one day brings a friend with him for lunch when he returns.

The buckwheat and grain will remain green under the water all winter, Mr. Sutton says. It will take quite a few ducks to harvest the whole 160 acres.

Hunting the birds or anything in the sanctuary is, of course, strictly prohibited. It is seen that the birds are not molested in any way.

It should be mentioned that wild geese that are not so partial to feeding under the water are also being looked after. Upland fields have been sown for them in grain and the first small flocks are taking possession. It is expected there will be a lot of geese and ducks at home in the sanctuary before the winter is over.

Phone Cable To Add Phones

**Area Lying Along River
Road Near Southport
Will Receive Service From
Lines**

About one mile of new telephone cable with enough units to take care of 400 telephones will be strung here in the next two weeks, according to information received yesterday.

The cable will run out Route 130 to just beyond Fodale Avenue and will then follow Fodale Avenue to the old River Road beyond the Northwood Cemetery.

An employee of the Bell Telephone company stated yesterday that he understood the company already has applications for some 25 or 30 new phones to be served by the cable and extension wires. The placing of a cable that will care for 400 new phones may be taken as an indication that the (Continued On Page Four)

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, November 19	
6:10 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:33 P. M.	12:35 P. M.
Friday, November 20	
7:04 A. M.	0:42 A. M.
7:26 P. M.	1:27 P. M.
Saturday, November 21	
7:57 A. M.	1:32 A. M.
8:18 P. M.	2:18 P. M.
Sunday, November 22	
8:47 A. M.	2:21 A. M.
9:09 P. M.	3:07 P. M.
Monday, November 23	
9:37 A. M.	3:08 A. M.
10:01 P. M.	3:55 P. M.
Tuesday, November 24	
10:24 A. M.	3:56 A. M.
10:51 P. M.	4:43 P. M.
Wednesday, November 25	
11:13 A. M.	4:45 A. M.
11:42 P. M.	5:30 P. M.

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Brief News Flashes

TURKEY SHOOT
Members of the Shallotte Post, American Legion, will sponsor a turkey shoot at the Legion Hut Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Six turkeys will be available for prizes.

ATTRACTIVE NEW COURT
Replacing the four small wooden buildings that have stood on the side for many years, Mrs. I. B. Bussells is now having a new court built of cinder blocks, to have stucco finish. Indications are that the place will be very attractive when finished.

COMPLETING STATION
Dempsey Coleman of Fair Bluff is completing a very attractive new Shell Oil filling station on property he and Mrs. Coleman recently purchased opposite the Doshier Memorial hospital. They are now working on a trailer park in the rear of the station.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
There will be a community Thanksgiving Day Service on Thursday morning, November 26, at 7:30, at the Bethel Methodist Church, Bolivia. The message will be brought by the Rev. Richard McDuffy, Pastor of the Bolivia Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

**Our
ROVING
Reporter**

W. B. KEZIAH

After some eleven or twelve years with the Elmore Motor Company at Bolivia, Douglas Hawes has decided to branch out for himself. Accordingly, he bought out the grocery store and filling station of C. A. Rourke at Bolivia. Thinking he would need help, he took along to his new quarters Warren Sellers, who has also been with Elmore Motors for seven or eight years. Warren decided that before he went to work for another fellow, he should get married. Accordingly, he and his wife, the former Miss Polly Lewis of the Mill Creek community, are returning from their honeymoon this week and Warren should be working again just as soon as he can settle down.

Things are moving in at a faster clip each day preparatory to general work at the terminals

by the first of the year. Saturday morning at 5 o'clock we were starting across the street when a huge fourteen wheeler, loaded with cluverts for railroad and highway work, pulled up for the driver to ask the way to Sunny Point. Looking up after giving him directions, we found that the whole 4-lane block behind the first truck was filled with other big machines, waiting for the lead machine to go on.

Talking with former Brunswick Representative Cornelius Thomas last week, the subject of Fredal housing came up. Mr. Thomas was unable to see how Brunswick county will be able to come in for anything under the present set-up. He was, however, encouraged by the fact that the Office of Defense Mobilization

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