

## Employment In Brunswick Has Some Increase

Figures Released This Week By State Employment Security Commission Shows 12.9 Increase For Second Quarter

### NOTE UPSURGE IN CLAIMS IN STATE

Poor Tobacco Season Is Cited As Contributing Cause For Early Seasonal Rise In Unemployment Claims

A poor tobacco season was a major factor in the upsurge in new claims for unemployment insurance last month, the Employment Security Commission said this week.

New claims rose some 12 percent over September and were over 30 percent higher than in October of last year, ESC Chairman Henry E. Kendall reported.

The seasonal rise in unemployment started a month earlier this year than usual, it was noted. "The most important factor in the early increase," said Kendall, "is the shortened tobacco processing season."

Kendall said a comparison of new claims activity in 11 predominantly tobacco areas shows a 73 percent increase in the new claims load in October.

Although overall unemployment was down about 5 percent from September, claims for benefits were running more than a third higher than last October, the ESC chairman said. The decrease from September can be attributed largely to better employment in textiles, Kendall added.

There was a sharp drop in non-farm job placements during the month—down 47 percent from September—and a large part of this decline was due to fewer tobacco placements.

A somewhat brighter picture was presented in the Commission's report on second quarter employment and wages, also released this week.

This report noted that the monthly average of insured workers in the second quarter reached 827,300, a rise of almost 7,000 from the first quarter level. However, second quarter insured employment lacked 1,200 attaining the level of the same quarter (Continued on Page Four)

## Southport Man Reports On Trip

Douglas J. Jones Returns From Interesting Map-Making Expedition To Arctic Regions

Douglas J. Jones, native of Southport, is back on duty as a cartographer in the Navy Hydrographic Office in Washington, D. C., after a memorable expedition to the Arctic regions in search of a ship channel which will provide a new route for ocean-going vessels.

Jones, who is a good amateur photographer, took color shots of this historic expedition, and recently one of the Washington newspapers ran a full page of color pictures that he provided.

It was the dream of early explorers to bring the riches of the Orient closer by way of this perilous route through Arctic ice, but the goal of these modern adventurers was to chart a course for bringing out the vast mineral deposits of northern Canada. They first achieved their goal this fall in the first circumnavigation of the North American Continent by the deep-draught American ships.

The story of the search for a Northwest Passage dates back to 1497 when John Cabot headed a futile exploration into the Arctic wilds. Jacques Cartier followed in



1534 and Sir Martin Frobisher in 1576 but the first to succeed was Roald Amundsen in 1903-6. The three Coast Guard cutters were joined by the Canadian ice breaker Labrador in Arctic waters and the four craft sailed together through Bellot Strait on September 6 to assure the success of the (Continued On Page Four)

## Referendum Cotton Will Held Next

Tuesday, December 10, As Date For Cotton Farmers To Visit Purpose Of Examining Quotas

LIST OF POLLING PLACES ANNOUNCED

Decision Of This Referendum Will Have Important Bearing Upon Price Support For 1958

Brunswick County cottoners will go to the polls on Tuesday, December 10, to vote whether marketing quotas in effect for their 1958 crop.

The Secretary of Agriculture required by law to proclaim marketing quotas if the supply of upland cotton is more than normal supply. Such a proclamation for the 1958 crop has been made by Secretary Benson.

Cotton Allotment Notices mailed to cotton farmers by the referendum to be held December 10.

Marketing quotas cannot be continued in effect, however, without the approval of a two-thirds of the cotton growers in a referendum on the question. The next step is to hold a referendum in which farmers engaged in the production of upland cotton in 1957 are eligible to vote.

If quotas are approved, 1958-crop upland cotton, price support will be available to growers at a level between 75 and 90 percent of parity, the minimum level within this range depending upon the supply situation at the time the support is determined.

If quotas are disapproved, cotton acreage allotments without marketing quotas will remain in effect, but price support to eligible growers of upland cotton will be limited to the parity level.

The voting in Brunswick County will take place at the following places: Lockwoods Folly, J. E. Kirby's Store; North West, Applewhite's Store; Smithville, Midway Station; Shallotte, Grissetown, Parker's Store; Town Creek, Bolivia, Douglas Hawes Store; Waccamaw, Waccamaw School, agricultural bldg. (Veterans work shop).

## Tax Listers Are Named By Board

Members of the board of county commissioners appointed tax listers at their regular meeting here Monday.

The following were named: Northwest, Elmer Aycock; Town Creek, E. O. Rabon; Smithville, Carl Ward; Lockwoods Folly, Murphy Hewett; Shallotte, J. B. Ward, Jr.; Waccamaw, Bessie Lou Coleman.

Upon motion of R. E. Bellamy, seconded by Durwood Clark, it was decided to make no change in the present organization of the board of commissioners, of which F. H. Swain has served as chairman for the past year.

The commissioners voted to allow the county attorney 15-percent of funds collected for judgments in old age assistance cases.

## Fishing Reports Continue Even Into December

Unusual Catch Of Trout Taken In New Inlet At Long Beach Tuesday; King Mackerel Still Being Caught

One of the best fishing stories of the season was reported here yesterday by Roscoe Staley of High Point, who owns a cottage at Long Beach. While fishing for 45 minutes at the new Long Beach inlet he caught 39 trout, ranging in weight from 3 1/2 to 4 pounds.

He was plugging, using a mirror lure.

And while is the most spectacular report received this week, there was evidence of other fish continuing to bite, despite the fact that this is December.

On the list are king mackerel, and on Sunday Capt. Hulian Watts had Dave McCall and party of Charlotte out aboard the Idle On IV. They returned with 60 of these fish. That day Capt. Basil Watts had E. L. Reed and party of Badin out aboard the Idle On II and caught 55 kings.

Among the inside fishermen, the Lumborg, who added a 15-lb and 18-lb rockfish to the 22-pounder they caught 10 days ago.

## Army-Navy Club



SCENE—This is the old Army-Navy Club Building in Southport, which was the World War I counterpart of the USO during World War II. Later this building was used as a gymnasium but now it has been removed.

## County Community Contest Winner

Extend Time For Farm Practices

Due to rains and unfavorable weather conditions in late November the Brunswick County Technical Committee has requested an extension of time on seeding permanent pastures. The State Committee approved the request to extend the seeding date from November 30 to December 10.

Farmers are urged to complete their seeding by December 10 and report completion to the ASC Office at Shallotte by December 15.

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Complete Teacher Training Course

Seventeen Brunswick County Teachers Completed East Carolina College Course At Bolivia

On Monday night 17 teachers and residents of Brunswick County completed the East Carolina College extension course which was taught at Bolivia by Weldon Hall, principal of Waccamaw High School.

The following were granted credit for the teaching of Reading: Ruth W. Adams, Carolina Beach; Mary S. Austin, Acme; Claire T. Evans, Ash; Pearl K. Hawkins, Bolivia; Etheilyn G. Hawes, Supply; Betty Anne Hewatt, Shallotte; Jessie F. Laws, Walnut; Alice Lesh, Bolivia; Daisy Long, Ash; Pearl G. McNeil, Bolivia; Pansy Page, Ash; Ora Galloway McKeithan, Bolivia; Harry L. Mintz, Jr., Shallotte; Lottie Russ, Ash; Carol Sellers Stanaland, Shallotte; Esther Daphene Suggs, Ash; Mrs. Roy Swain, Bolivia.

The teachers taking this course have appreciated the practical presentations of reading problems and have been making applications of the principles discussed. Encouraging results have been reported.

This is one of the two extension courses taught for the first time this year in this county, and all of the teachers expressed a hope that the arrangement may be continued.

Brunswick Man Wins Vacation

James D. Bellamy Leaving Saturday For Vacation Trip To Litchfield Park, Arizona

North Carolina's two winners of the tenth annual soil conservation contest sponsored by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. are departing from Wilmington, Dec. 7 to join 98 other winners from all parts of the United States for four, fun-packed vacation days at the Wigwam resort hotel at Litchfield Park, Ariz.

The outing is grand prize for the nation's farmers and ranchers selected as outstanding soil conservationists in their home states each year.

North Carolina's winners are James Bellamy, of Shallotte, who was chosen to represent first place Lower Cape Fear soil conservation district, and F. D. Hawes, of Watha, who was named the district's outstanding cooperator on conservation practices.

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Brunswick Man Dies In Alaska

Funeral Arrangements For Coolidge Phelps Incomplete Pending Arrival Of Body

Relatives in Brunswick county were advised Monday of the death in Adak, Alaska, of CM2 Coolidge Phelps, who died of bronchial pneumonia in a Naval hospital.

The deceased, who was 32 years of age, was serving with the navy and was a veteran of World War II. He was due for discharge early next year.

His body was being flown to Bremerton, Washington, from which point it will be brought to his home for burial. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, pending further word concerning arrival.

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## Annual Meeting Of Production Credit Group

Twenty - Fourth Annual Meeting Held In Wilmington With President John R. Morris Making Annual Report

ASSOCIATION SERVES BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Important Gain Shown During Past Year In Number Of Desirable Loans By Association

The 24th Annual meeting of the Wilmington Production Credit Association was held Friday, November 22 and according to John R. Morris, President of the Association, the volume of loans outstanding in the 87 Production Credit Association in the Third Farm Credit District is 39 percent greater than one year ago.

Morris, who had just returned from a meeting of PGA Executive Committee held at Goldsboro, reported that the increase in loan volume throughout the district is due mainly to the increased volume of Intermediate-Term loans for capital purposes, plus loans to members who have not been borrowing for several years but are now coming back to the associations for needed funds.

Morris was accompanied to the Goldsboro meeting by H. B. Rivenbark, secretary-treasurer of the Wilmington Association.

Reports made at the meeting by R. A. Darr, President of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, indicated that the quality of loans as revealed by credit examinations is good and all 87 associations are in a sound position to provide their farmer-members with constructive loans.

Darr further reported that during the first nine months of 1957, the 87 production credit associations had shown an increase in their combined net worth of \$1,273,177.

Morris reported the Wilmington Production Credit Association has extended credit during the past twelve months to 639 members in an amount of \$1,415,447 in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick counties.

The officers of the Wilmington association are John R. Morris, president; H. B. Rivenbark, vice-president; H. E. Rivenbark, secretary-treasurer; R. W. Geddes, asst. secretary-treasurer; and John B. Ward, J. W. Sellers, Jr. and A. B. Herring, directors.

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BOLIVIA P. T. A.

The Bolivia P. T. A. will meet in the school auditorium December 9th. Everyone is urged to attend to learn of the progress made thus far on projects sponsored by the organization. Reports will be given by all chairman. The home economics department will be in charge of the program.

BARBECUE SUPPER

A barbecue supper, pit-cooked on church grounds the day of serving, will be held Saturday, beginning at 6:30 p. m., at Zion Methodist Church, Town Church. The supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall of the church, buffet style. Home-made cakes and pies will be on sale, and also a bazaar table will be featured. The public is cordially invited.

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