

**Game Protector Surveys Scene**



David Gause, Brunswick County Game Protector, is shown here looking over the scene of death and destruction on Battery Island following the recent hail storm. Hundreds of birds were killed or crippled by the hail stones, and last week representatives of the State Wildlife Resources Commission were here to determine if there is danger of extermination for any of the rare species which nest at this rookery located across the Cape Fear River from Southport. Note the bare branches of the oak trees from which all foliage was stripped, and the bodies of dead birds lying in the grass.—(Photo by Jack Dermid.)

**Coast Guard Says—**

**Boating Safety Is Important Subject**

The Coast Guard with a record of recreational boating accidents and fatalities which already overshadowed that of last year, looks forward to a busy boating season this year.

A formidable record of 774 calls for assistance already under their belt this year, the Fifth Coast Guard District Headquarters reports 26 "boating accidents" resulting in 23 fatalities within the District since January 1st. The number of accidents triples last year's statistics for the same period... a period when recreational boating is far from its peak. From January 1, 1960, to the middle of May there were only 8 reportable accidents and 18 resultant fatalities on the navigable waters of the busy Fifth District. This includes an area which encompasses the states of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and an area at sea reaching 1000 miles east of Bermuda.

According to a statistical report released this month by the Coast Guard on recreational boating in the entire United States for the year 1960, the growing problem of carelessness on the nation's waterways is apparent by comparison of official figures in previous years. In fiscal year 1960, reports of outboard involved in accidents in the United States totaled 2186 resulting in 571 fatalities.

In 52 cases resulting in deaths across the country last year there is evidence of an insufficient number or a complete absence of lifesaving appliances.

In 119 cases, resulting in 174 deaths, according to the Coast Guard's nationwide report, it appears that circumstances should have dictated that lifepackets be worn before the casualty occurred. The circumstances were: night operations; deteriorating weather; occupants incapacitated due to age, physical or mental conditions; and entering areas of rough or otherwise dangerous waters, such as crossing a bar.

In 13 cases resulting in 22 deaths in the United States there was evidence that lifesaving appliances were inaccessible.

Of 386 persons who died in the

nation's waters, 333 did not have a lifesaving appliance of any kind.

Captain Joseph A. Bresnan, Chief of Operations in the Fifth Coast Guard District, commented on another problem which the Coast Guard faces here.

"We are finding ourselves increasingly plagued", he said, "with motorboat operators who fail to figure out the duration of their trips and end up with insufficient fuel. Although, they are eventually towed in, the craft drift helplessly until aid reaches them, exposing the occupants to needless hazards."

Bresnan noted that the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary invite local boat owners and operators to check with them now for an outline of safety requirements and equipment. "This small measure of precaution," the Captain said, "along with a boatload of common sense could prevent them from becoming one of this year's watery statistics."

North Carolina State's baseball team gets a jump on its seven Atlantic Coast Conference rivals with a March 20 opening against Dartmouth. The next ACC team to open its 1961 schedule is North Carolina on March 22, also against Dartmouth. Wolfpack coach Vic Sorrell starts his 16th season as head coach at State College.



**Waterfront**

If Southport and Brunswick county never amount to anything it will not be the fault of Clint Bellamy nor will it be because he has not tried a lot of different things to bring about development.

The first time we knew Clint he came to town to work in the barbershop. He was new in the trade, but he was good at it; and before long we figured his chair was a safe place to sit if we wanted a good haircut.

But Clint was not too happy with the confinement of the four walls of a barbershop, and soon he was out of there and engaged in the pulpwood business. This gave him plenty of the great outdoors, but little else, so it was back to the barbershop for a time.

Came Hurricane Hazel, and one of the results of the storm was the Bellamy Construction Co., whose specialty was moving houses—mostly beach cottages back to their original foundations from which they had been washed by the force of the storm. One thing led to another in this field, and before long Clint was building new beach homes—a contractor, no less.

Without ever fully retiring from this field, Clint got into the real estate business, and in the role of realtor would sell a lot and build

a house for the buyer. He even got into the business of building and selling a few places on his own.

Building was a natural lead to the building supply business, which he started at Yaupon Beach and operated successfully for two seasons before selling out to E. C. Blake, meanwhile continuing his contracting business.

A nice, new home in Southport was next on his list of achievements and represented his most ambitious building project up to that time. This is on a high hill in Deepwater Heights, overlooking the Cape Fear River, and this is where he and his family still live.

Last winter Clint figured that there had been a lot of talk and very little action on the business of building a modern motel at Long Beach, so he purchased a site fronting on the ocean at Tranquil Harbour, and this week he has a 16-room layout ready for use.

It is named the Loraine Motel, after his wife. She is the former Loraine Hewett of Southport and

is one of the best and most manent projects that Clint ever undertaken. They have children, Susan and Johnnie, they, too, are perhament improvements.

The motel is ready for use, an already Clint has turned down an offer to sell. Meanwhile, he is not letting any grass grow under his feet, for already underway at Yaupon Beach is a bowling alley.

As further evidence that he is a man of many and varied interests, Clint has dipped his toes into political waters from time to time. On one occasion he ran Kirby Sullivan a close race for the Democratic nomination for Representative. Several years later he sought the Democratic nomination for Sheriff. He came close in this race, too; and might have made it save for the fact that this is a four-year office, and even Clint's best friends do not know what he will be doing that far in the future.

On the credit side of his political ledger, however, the Mayor of Yaupon Beach right now is a man named Clinton Bellamy.

The football team won four in a row to open its 1960 season, but was upended by Duke, 17-13. The Wolfpack basketball squad opened up with four straight victories before bowing to Wake Forest, 68-67, and the swimming team lost to Southern Illinois, 58-37, after winning its first four meets.

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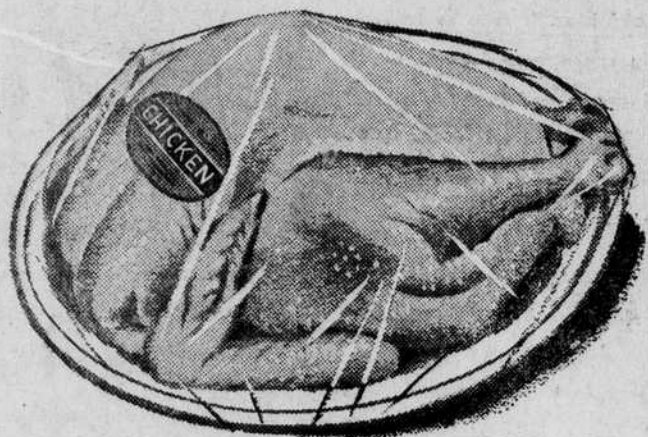
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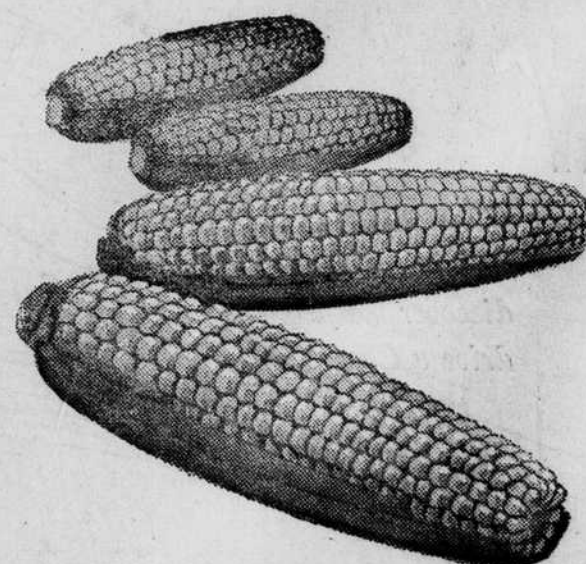


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