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# **Migrant Workers Stop In Brunswick**

#### By EUGENE FALLON

there for some few years now, The sign in front of the store ever since the first caravan of located a little more than a mile migrant farm workers stopped in. south of Bolivia on U. S. High- The initial group, figures Bryant, way 17 caught my eye. It read: were hured by another sign that "Migrant Workers Welcome". once spread across the front of This was a switch, and so I pull- his business building, a sign which ed into the service station-grocery proclaimed that here was a grill. store to find out why. The business of serving sand-

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H. J. Bryant operates the store. wiches and short orders has ceas-He is a native of Brunswick and ed now at Bryant's place, but the was raised in the Supply section. | migrants still stop by. Come April, and Bryant will have been at the same stand for 23 consecutive years. That's a lot of traffic, even if one uses a con-

puter to figure on.

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in summer, God only knows. Bry- what we have saved." The sign, said Bryant, has been ant is certain he doesn't.

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They arrive in old buses, in "these people are quiet and open-body trucks, sometimes cov- peaceful, even possessing a sort ered from wind and rain with a of dignity. After all, they are not tarpaulin overhead. And they beggars. They work at the only come in cars squeaking in last thing they can do well-harvestthroes. Cars upon which junk- in ga crop. I think it is pretty dealers look askance. If they were sad for them to be met with all adults with little behind them suspicion and hostility. Most busiand less to look forward to, it ness owners send them on their wouldn't be so had. But they pull way. They travel pretty ragged,

stakes for an entire family- being very poor people, they are wives, and small children, even often travel-stained to the point "These gypsy-workers" says nursing babies. In the land of of appearing dirty. That's why Bryant, "have a certain appeal, plenty they live in eternal want, they get the cold-shoulder most Bryant says the migrants are places." They arouse your pity and curiosity. No one wants their busi- mostly American Negroes, with

ness much, and yet they are an occasional white worker. Some-tell you," he said finally, "their and exhange. times there are Mexicans, and behavior is better than their

vears.

place.'

According to the proprietor, the

many Puerto Ricans of recent looks" Bryant recalled a few incidents Like locusts, they wait until harvest time and descend upon sort of sanctuary to these unwanted tourists. the fields stripping them of pro-"One of the migrants who trav-

duce with prehensile fingers. And these workers are a very neces- eled in an old Buick with his sary part of American agriculture. family consisting of wife and Machines have not displaced them. four children, just made it into along in the last of November. my place. He was on his way to It is doubtful they ever will.

Most of the migrants who make up transmission. He asked me to of H. J. Bryant's store a regular repair it for him and he would stop ply between Long Island and pick it up coming back. Florida points. They stream southward in October and Novem-"I put better than fifty dollars ber, headed for the bean fields of into that transmission. He wrote Florida's Lake Okeechobe coun- me from Florida, and even called

for the tubas.

"On the whole," says Bryant,

migrants move seasonally, becom- what they do with their sum-

ing thick on the highways of mers, they shrug, saying: "Some-

try; move into central Florida and me by phone. Finally he sent a the citrus belt later on, and head postcard that, due to sickness in north to Aurora (N. C.) and the his family, he could not get his white potatoes in spring; winding car and that I could dispose of



## SOUTH CAROLINA

Located in the center of South Carolina is its Capitol City, Columbia. As a result of Gen. Sherman's artillery in 1865 the State House bears the marks of battle. Stars

made of bronze marks the scars left in the walls, and are of special interest to anyone wishing to take a look. The Methodist Youth Fellowship. for building also houses a Confederate relic room which con- selor and a minister from each tains a historic collection. The boyhood home of Woodrow County to participate in a Sub-Wilson and the University of South Carolina is located here. Fort Jackson is nearby where many of our world war heroes were trained.

LIVE MODERN-LIVE BETTER IN A FLAMELESS ALL ELECTRIC HOME. ELECTRIC HEAT MEANS COMFORT-

amongst the best-behaved groups up in the pratie fields of Long it in any way I could, in order BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT which have ever stopped at my Island, grubbing in the black soil to get my money back. I sold, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake of parts from it and did not lose Southport announce the birth of a son, Charles Edward, at Memorial Bryant said that, when asked anything on it." They stick together pretty Hospital in Chapel Hill on Decemwell," added Bryant. "When this ber 28. Eastern North Carolina in fall times we camp at migrant shel- fellow developed trouble, a truck-

> velopments. When a deal was junction with the meeting a skatmade, the family simply trans- ing party will be held at a Shalferred to the truck and off they lotte rink the same evening.

headed for Florida." In the fall of 1959 a stakebody truck came in towing a busload of migrants. In all the vehicles carried 35 men, women and children. All remained on the premises for a solid week. sleeping in the bus and in the open truck. While here the men drove that truck clean down to Myrtle Beach a number of times, order to buy junked parts in there. Sometimes the secondhand parts would not fit, and they would have to make the long trip Bryant looked thoughtful. "It back to South Carolina, to haggle

"That particular group," recalls Bryant. "were fresh from the

potato fields of Long Island, enrelative to his place serving as a route to Florida, and they came pretty well heeled. They spent about \$40 a day with me during

that solid week." The last caravan to stop at Bolivia and Bryant's place, came "I expect to see them in the Florida. His old car had a fouled- spring," says Bryant, "if things

run according to form." It's a way of life. The produce, like the proverbial sheaves, must

be brought in at harvest time.

## Mrs. Mary Royals Dies Near Supply

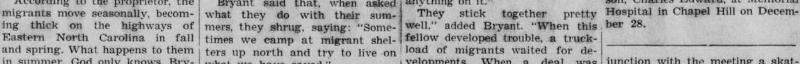
Mrs. Mary Mooney Royals, 82, died Friday at her home near Supply. Final rites were held Sunday at 2 p. m. from the graveside in Chapel Hill Cemetery by the Revs. Leo Cannon and Bert Bennett.

Survivors include three sons, M. G., A. R., and E. T. Mooney. all of Supply; three daughters, Mrs. Rob Cumbee and Miss Lovie Mooney of Supply and Mrs. Roy Farrek, Houston, Tex.; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren

Active pallbearers were Stanton Brown, R. E. Sellers, Jr., Hulan Royals, Bernice Hewett, Texas Hardin and Leton Clemmons.

#### MYF SUB-DISTRICT

A call goes out from Mrs. Grover M. Sellers, counselor for the a representative member, a coun-Methodist church in Brunswick District meeting to be held at Camp Church, Shallotte, January 8, beginning at 7 p. m. In con-





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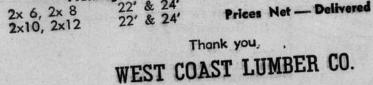
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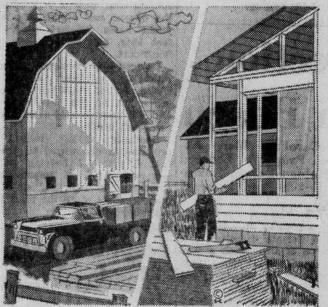
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