

## Brunswick Between Bookends

By Eugene Fallon



### BISHOP ASBURY'S DIARY.

Back around the turn of the 19th Century a power was loose in North Carolina. An evangelist who called himself Bishop Francis Asbury was beating the bushes for God and Salvation. He left a diary, which proves that, whatever kind of preacher he might have been, he was no great shakes as a writer. Still, his diary bridges a gap in human communication. From a distance of 160 years and more, the reader becomes acquainted, through the bishop's jotted memoirs, with the high, the low and the in-between who resided in Brunswick County in the long ago.

For Asbury did, indeed, visit Brunswick; not once but on several swings. The pickings were good here, apparently; or maybe it was because there were a scarcity of preachers in these parts. The bishop enjoyed his trips to Brunswick. If you don't believe it, peep into his diary along with me.

"February 7, 1791: Rode into Lockwood's Folly and preached at the Charlotte (Shallotte) River to not less than one hundred people. The soil is very barren. We were recommended for lodging at a certain squire's house but a kind Providence so ordered it that we came up with a simple-hearted brother where we were kindly received and abundantly supplied with everything necessary for horse and man . . ."

Bishop Asbury had a keen eye. On December 23 five years later, when the Circuit Riding Methodist entered Wilmington, he wrote:

"Had an excessively cold ride through heavy sands and miserable country" (he must of approached from the north side). "And when we came to the town wharf there was neither a flat or a ferry . . ."

Back in Brunswick County in February of 1801, Bishop Asbury had a better time of it, as witness: "At Gause's Manor, or more properly 'town', we were pleasantly situated. I had a most solemn visit to the sea beach, which to me was a most instructive sight . . . the diversified features were awe-inspiring; the sand hills, the marsh, the firmeta, tall and slender; the sheep and the goats frisking in the sun; the rolling porpoise, the sea gulls lifting and letting fall from high the clam; the eagles watching for their prey; the white sail of the solitary vessel tossed upon the distant wave . . ."

In that particular insert, Asbury's diary takes on deep dignity. But the poetry dies once he turns his back on Brunswick, and he despairs, to some extent, the desolations which then met his eye.

Bishop Asbury now goes down among the envied traveler-writers: a corps which boasts such shining names as Walt Whitman, Vachel Lindsay and even Burl Ives—all of whom traded music for bread in American back-washes. Asbury's I suspect, was the stronger lure: not poetry or song, but a golden promise strung on a cross and a prayer.

And, for those who would know how preachers fared in Brunswick way back yonder, the Diary re-

mains a rare fount of ecclesiastical information. The problem is to secure it. They had no book clubs back when Bishop Asbury was writing his diary, and his book, I fear, is in lamentably-limited number.

## High Times

By JOAN PINER

Everyone has been talking about the ball game Friday night when the Hazel Walker Players met the Southport Town Team. Quite a crowd was there. It was a big surprise that Southport won. The score was 74-72.

The doubleheader with Bolivia on Thursday was split. The Bolivia boys and the Southport girls won. The Dolphins played Leland on Tuesday night and will play Bolivia here on Friday night.

The juniors are finally happy. After moping around for months, they got their rings on Monday. You now see juniors with their hands held high!

The high school had an assembly last Saturday. They saw a film on The Mayflower II. Everyone enjoyed this assembly very much.

SEEN AROUND: Mr. Lee's face turning all shades of red on Friday night . . . General Business class watching a film . . . Jimmy P. looking busy? . . . Do you understand French, Robert P.?

Has anyone heard, "I've Got These Little Things?" . . . Frankie's ankle is better? . . . Robert H. all dressed up Monday . . . Everyone coming down with the flu . . . The English IV students writing letters . . . Sally, what channel do you want to watch? . . . Have you heard that Mr. Davis caught a blue-eyed shark? . . . Thanks, Gary . . . Clive borrowing pens in English class.

That's all for this week. See you around S. H. S.

## Union School News

By OLLIE GAUSE And CLARENCE STEVENSON

It has been a long time since we have had some news, but we again bring you the latest news and happenings around Union.

We are moving into the second semester, we have scanned those exams and now we "set the sights" toward that date in May.

Union played Artesia High School of Hallsboro, Tuesday night. It was a very thrilling game. The girls score was 23-20, Artesia. The boys score was 53-26, Union.

Earlene Gore, a senior at Union, is the winner in our school in the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She achieved the highest score in the examination on home-making knowledge and attitudes taken by senior girls December 5. She becomes eligible now, along with winners in other state high schools, for the title of State Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The girl named State Homemaker of Tomorrow is provided a \$1,500 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The state runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship.

## Social Security Changes Listed

According to Albert P. Mason, District Manager of the Wilmington Social Security Office, employers of farm workers are required to file annual reports with the District Director of Internal Revenue by January 31, and pay the social security tax on cash wages which were paid to hired farm workers in 1961. This also applies to farm crew leaders if they are the employer.

Mason said that cash wages paid to a farm worker must be reported if he is paid \$150 or more during the year, or worked on a time basis on some part of 20 or more days.

A worker's insured status and the amount of his benefit are based on the wages credited to his account. Therefore, it is important that annual reports be completed and accurate.

They should show each worker's name and number as shown on his social security card and the exact amount of wages paid him. A complete and accurate report will assure the employer that each worker receives the proper credit to his account. Farmers are also required to list crew leaders on the tax forms.

Mason also stressed the importance of filing these reports timely. Employers of farm workers are only required to file reports once a year and the deadline for filing them in the last day of the month after the end of the previous year. Reports for 1961 are due by January 31. Failure to file timely returns could result in penalties and interest charges being assessed on the employer.

## William N. Gore

OCEAN DRIVE BEACH, S. C.—William Needham Gore, 75, Brooksville area farmer, died Monday after a lingering illness. Final rites were held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at Pleasant Plain Baptist Church by Elder Grady Cox and Elder Gardner Mishoe, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Jones Gore; three sons, Woodrow Rodney, William Leon and George Watson Gore, all of Ocean Drive Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Lennox McLamb of Shallotte, N. C.; a brother, Dr. G. C. Gore of Greenville; and nine grandchildren.

## KILLED TO DATE

The state motor vehicle department reports that to date 65 persons have been killed on the state's highways as compared to 71 for the same comparable period last year.

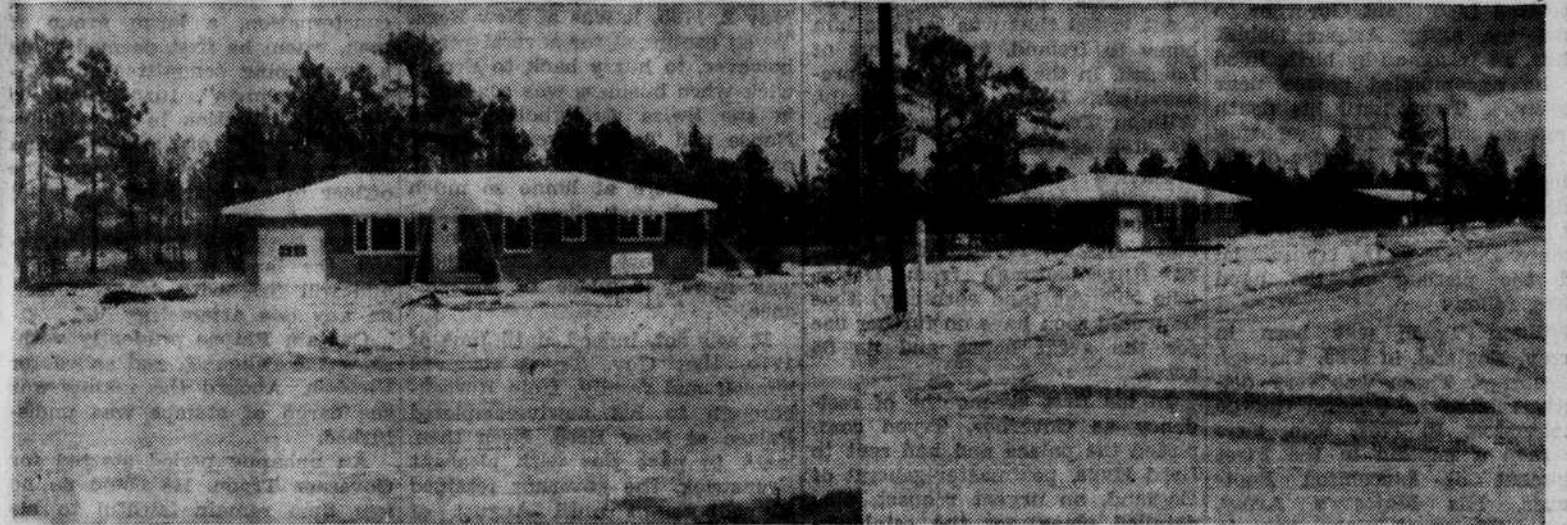


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## Health and A Fall

By DR. ROGER W. PRICE



An accident needs not be severe to be followed by dire results. Falls or jars sometimes slight which at the time are passed unnoticed are responsible for nerve impingement, the effects of which are serious indeed. That is an important thing to remember in this day when automobile and other accidents are so common. One need not be cut or bruised, nor need one have broken bones in order for an accident to have been serious. If one or more segments of the spine are displaced sufficiently to produce pressure on nerve trunks the tissues supplied by these nerve trunks cannot function normally. If the pressure is slight and if the surrounding tissues are uninjured, nature often automatically corrects these spinal abnormalities. If, however, this displacement is not automatically corrected, it means that a slow process of tissue depletion begins. That is why the precaution of seeing a Modern Chiropractor should be taken following falls and accidents.

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## VERMONT

The State Capitol building at Montpelier is topped with a gilded dome and a statue of Ceres, goddess of grain. A statue inside of Ethan Allen is perhaps more a symbol of Vermont. There is a cannon nearby which Allen and his "Green Mountain Boys" took from the Hessians in the Battle of Bennington. The State Office Building is nearby and is known for the beauty of the Vermont marble facings. The State Supreme Court Building houses the Historical Society Museums which contains the Stephen Daye press, first printing press in the colonies.

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## Penalty Begins February 1st On 1961 Brunswick County Taxes

A penalty of 1% will be charged for unpaid taxes for 1961 due Brunswick County. Pay this week and save the additional and unnecessary expense.

## D. H. HAWES

Brunswick County Tax Collector