

Brunswick Between Bookends

By Al Arntsen



CORNELIUS HARNETT
An essay in North Carolina History. By R. D. W. Connor. Published in 1909. Number of pages—205. Available at Southport Public Library.

This one was a real pleasant surprise. It is an old book and the title didn't look too inviting. At first glance it appeared to be a biography but further scrutiny revealed that it was much more.

The man Cornelius Harnett is used as the central figure around which is woven this tale of early North Carolina history. The first two chapters will be of vital in-

terest to Brunswick County people as they are graphic accounts of the early settlement of the Cape Fear. The author continues on from this point to lead us through the Stamp Act controversy, and the years immediately following when this state swung into the movement of the colonies toward independence. Although each part of the state can make a legitimate claim to some historic greatness, there can be no doubt but that the Cape Fear area is truly a place in which many of the best chapters of North Carolina history have been

written. Mr. Harnett became well known as a political leader in this section, serving most actively in those years when the mandate of leadership passed from Albemarle to here.

The book is authentically written in a fluid, easily understood style. The language is vivid, even when recounting the most mundane affairs. There are some exciting descriptions of the early Cape Fear and as I read on there came to me a real sense of discovery, as if I had uncovered these facts myself. In my imagination it was easy to visualize Blackbeard and Bonnett, those early buccaners, terrorizing the entire coast. These along with the Indians which were considered the most barbarous of any colony, helped create most hazardous living conditions.

There was one point in particular at which Mr. Connor held my interest most completely, this being the factual account of the settling of Old Brunswick, the first town of the Cape Fear. It wasn't long before a second town was laid out further up the river called Newton, later to be known as Wilmington. Brunswickers looked with disdain on this upstart up the river. The friction soon became very real as both towns vied for first position. The author tells in detail the way in which Brunswick lost to Wilmington when the Jail-house, Court-house and other municipal offices were taken from the former and given to the latter. In spite of this, though, Bishop Cheshire stated that Wilmington was an inconsiderable place until after the Revolution. A most arresting picture gripped my imaginations; Now, after about 200 years this old frontier village of Brunswick has been resurrected, and Wilmington would give a great deal to have a legitimate claim on her. However, she stands just out of Wilmington's reach in another county!

To live in Southport is sure to make one truly conscious of past history. It is veritably part of the air we breathe. Reading this book will be a most painless history lesson to those who are not fully aware of the significant part this area has played in making North Carolina what it is today. To the many who are fully cognizant of her proud heritage it will be like looking through a pair of binoculars and seeing events that were far off suddenly meeting you face to face. In clear detail you will see the rugged conditions and the

Stacy Wins Rebel 300

By JIGGS POWERS

DARLINGTON, S. C.—Driving very much unlike the Army tank driver he used to be, Nelson Stacy of Daytona Beach, Fla. came through in the fading moments to capture the last of the Rebel 300 convertible stock car races at Darlington Speedway, Saturday.

He picked up first-place money of \$7,900.

Stacy squeezed by Marvin Panch in the next to the last lap of the 219-lap affair to add the Reb 300 crown to the Southern 500 title he won here last Labor Day. He drove his Ford at the very good speed of 117.864 miles per hour in the event; considered excellent in the face of the six slowdowns brought about by minor accidents and breakdowns on the track.

The lead exchanged hands eight times in the big race, which will become a hard-top affair in 1963. Only 20 of the 32 starters finished.

Panch, of Daytona Beach, also, copped 2nd place, just as he did in the Southern 500 last year when Stacy slipped by him near the end. He received \$4,890 for runner-up spot. He was also driving a Ford.

Fred Lorenzen, the "Flying Fool" from Elmhurst, Ill. and 1961 Reb 300 winner, started out just as he did a year ago, in the lead with the pole position, but he wound up third after being penalized a lap for passing a car under the caution flag, then blowing his motor up at the finish.

Lorenzen, the third straight finisher in a 1962 Ford, won \$3,310 third-place money.

The other two winners in the top five drove 1962 Pontiacs. They were Johnny Allen, Atlanta, Ga., who won \$2,200 for fourth-place; Cotton Owens, Spartanburg, who finished 5th and picked up \$1,725.

Lorenzen had held the lead for 51 laps, 41 at the start then, later, after his lap-penalty for passing while the caution flag was up, he zoomed back with speeds of approximately 131 mph overall, some 140-plus mph on the straightaways; to again take the lead and hold it for 10 laps. Stacy also was clocked at the speeds listed above while he and Lorenzen were dueling in the latter stages of the race.

The crowd of 35,000 watched in 80-degree weather. Track temperatures during the height of the race zoomed to 125 degrees.

Stacy won his race the hard way, bouncing off the wall to take Panch and, once he was past, kept going all the way.

No injuries were listed in the Sixth Annual Rebel 300, but a favorite, Fireball Roberts went out in the third round when his Pontiac was in a crack-up, while former National Stock Champ Rex White also went out via this route.

The same mixup that knocked Roberts out, set Joe Weatherly of Norfolk and Dick Petty of Randleman, N. C. back so much that neither were ever able to get in the running.

Other finishers, their addresses,

type cars and money won:
Larry Frank, Greenville, S. C., 1962 Ford, \$1,300; Dave Pearson, Spartanburg, 1962 Pontiac, \$1,025; Bobby Johns, Miami, Fla., 1962 Pontiac, \$925; Ned Jarrett, Concord, N. C., 1962 Pontiac, \$800; Jim Pardue, North Wilkesboro, N. C., 1962 Pontiac, \$750; Buddy Baker, Charlotte, 1962 Chrysler, \$700.

Darel Dieringer, 1962 Dodge, \$650; Cale Yarborough, Timmonsville, 1962 Ford, \$500; Buck Baker, Charlotte, 1962 Chrysler, \$550; Richard Petty, Randleman, N. C., 1962 Plymouth, \$500; Ed Livingston, North Charleston, 1961 Ford, \$450; George Green, Johnson City, Tenn., 1961 Chevrolet, \$400; Joe Weatherly, Norfolk, 1962 Pontiac, \$350; Tubby Gonzales, Houston, Tex., 1961 Ford, \$300; Thomas Cox, Trinity, N. C., 1960 Plymouth, \$300.

All other starters received \$200 each.

With The Men In Service

Ralph L. Hewett, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hewett, Shalotte, recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany where he is a member of the 9th Engineer Battalion. Specialist Hewett, a radio operator in the battalion's Company D in Aschaffenburg, was last stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. The 25-year-old soldier is a 1954 graduate of

Shalotte High School.

Army Specialist Five William A. Jones, 28, son of Mrs. Rosella Parker, Leland, was among the 1,000 soldiers of the 25th Division's 27th Infantry (The Wolfhounds) who recently participated in Exercise Air Cobra in Thailand. Air Cobra, the largest Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) exercise ever held, was designed to test the capabilities of SEATO member nations to air lift troops and provide air cover for ground forces. The Wolfhounds, which joined with air and

ground forces of Australia, the United Kingdom, Thailand and France in the exercise, demonstrated the versatility and readiness of U. S. Army forces in modern warfare. Specialist Jones is an armor crewman in the infantry's Combat Support Company which is regularly located at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He entered the Army in July 1953 and arrived in Hawaii on this tour of duty in June 1961. Jones is a 1953 graduate of Brunswick County Training High School, Southport. His wife, Ingrid, is with him in Hawaii.

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Trojans Get 5-2 Win Over Leland

RIEDELWOOD — George McRae's 4-hit pitching and Marshall Larkins' third-inning home run were highlights of Acme-Delco's 5-2 win over the Leland Tigers here, Friday afternoon.

McRae, though he had a shaky 7th-inning when he loaded the bases but kept the Tigs from scoring, fanned 9 and walked four batters. Three of those walks came in that final frame, when he tightened down and held the Brunswick Countians after loading the sacks.

Marshall Larkins' homer came in a three-run third frame that saw Coach Mickey Nance's locals score enough runs to win the game; their 12th win in 15 starts. Craig Gore walked and Larkins

hit his two-run homer to get things rolling in the 3rd. Alan Gregory walked, stole second and scored on McRae's single for the third run of the frame.

Leland's club scored its first run in the 4th as Shortstop M. Medlin singled, moved up on McRae's throwing error on an attempted pickoff play, went to third on Dickie Burgess' infield out and scored on Mintz's squeeze-bunt.

Dickie Burgess, the losing pitcher, who gave A-D but 6 hits, was Leland's leading batter with 2 for 3. Marshall Larkins' homer was good for a 1-for-3 average to pace Acme-Delco, while Kenny Myers added a triple.

Acme-Delco closes its 1962 baseball season at Atkinson, Tuesday at 3:30 p. m.

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Burgess, Lennon (6) and Watson; McRae and Williams.

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