

Night Hunting

Slaughter Wild Ducks

The senseless slaughter of more than forty wild ducks, shot at night and left floating on the waters of Twin Lakes, has enraged Mannon Gore, developer of Sunset Beach, and has brought Federal Wildlife authorities into the case to join with county and State law enforcement officers in an effort to capture and punish those responsible.

The episode occurred Thursday night after the patrol left the lake at 7:30 o'clock and evidence shows that a car was maneuvered on the road in a half-dozen efforts to shine the lights on the water so that the ducks could be shot.

Gore and his helpers were back at the lake before daylight again on Friday morning, and it was then that they began to pick up signs of the shooting orgy of the night before. A total of 42 ducks were found, including black ducks, mallards and wood ducks. Others that were shot had drifted away, and there was evidence that animals had found and devoured several other birds.

Gore was careful to collect considerable evidence to turn over to the Federal authorities. Included were 19 12-gauge shell casings, some 22 rifle empties, imprints from the automobile tires and the clear impression left by a pair of football shoes.

"We know who these people are," the resort developer declared this week. "They have been coming in on us for several years, but now we think we have them involved in a case that is so serious that Federal action will be taken and maybe put a stop to this dangerous trespassing once and for all."

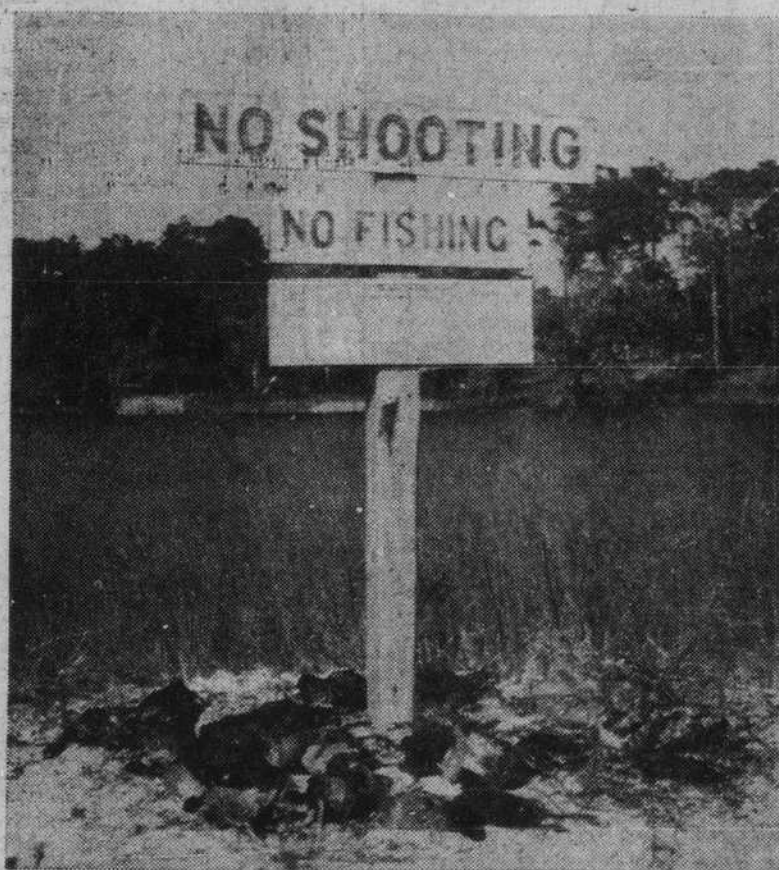
Gore went on to explain that he has at least two good motives for protecting the Sunset Beach development area, including Twin Lakes, from hunters. "To begin with, this is a residential area," he said, "and there are houses within gunshot of where some of these fellows would come to shoot ducks."

"The ducks are a second reason for making this a Wildlife Refuge. Hundreds of them come into these two lakes, and we feed them regularly. It has come to be a major attraction for tourists and people who want to drive down to the beach during the off season. The ducks on our lakes have attracted several hundred carloads of visitors during the past few weeks."

"What these fellows that have been giving us such a hard time fail to realize is that what we are doing is the best thing that can take place to improve duck hunting."

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Evidence Piled Up



DEAD DUCKS—This is the pile of 42 ducks that were shot on the roost Thursday night at Twin Lakes. There are signs warning that no hunting is permitted. There were more than 40 ducks in this collection.

Capt. St. George Retires As Pilot

Veteran Member Of Cape Fear Pilots Association Leaves Service After 39 Years

By WILLIAM G. ALLEN
For the first time in well over 100 years the name St. George will be missing from the Cape Fear Pilots Association Roster because of the retirement of Captain Harold T. St. George of Southport.

Captain St. George retired as an active pilot Monday after 39 years of service. Both his father and his grandfather were pilots before him.

After making application for his license, Captain St. George served as an apprentice from February of 1923 to February of 1926 when he received his pilot's license.

Captain St. George said that he could not estimate the number of ships he has guided up and down the Cape Fear river from the first one in 1926, "Munisia", to the last one, "Nea Tyhi", Monday.

"I could not even tell you the number of ships I had last year," he said with a smile.

Surprising enough in this world of change, Captain St. George said that the work of the pilot has not changed very much since 1923.

In fact, he said that if one of the dead pilots would come back he would not have too much trouble in assuming his old job.

"The only difference between piloting my first ship in 1926 and my last one Monday was that I was mighty nervous on my first one," he said.

When Captain St. George first joined the Association in 1926, there were 13 pilots. "All of them are now dead," he said.

Although there are only eight pilots in the Association now, Captain St. George does not believe it is a dying profession.

"Larger ships account for the drop in membership in the Association," he said. "The pilots handle more ships than they did when I first joined the Association."

Jem Durant of Wilmington will take Captain St. George's place in the Association.

"He served about the same apprenticeship that I did back in 1923," the veteran pilot stated.

As for the routine of work, Captain St. George said that the eight pilots practice rotation.

After one pilot has taken a ship up or down the river, the other seven must work before the first one can take on another job. All the money is then turned over to the Association. After the expenses have been paid, the balance is divided equally among the members.

The pilot's day runs from 5
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District Mason Meet In Tabor City On Tuesday

Representatives From Brunswick County Will Attend, Have Chance To Hear Grand Master

Tabor City Lodge No. 263, A.F. and A.M., will be host to representatives of approximately 1600 Masons from 13 Lodges in the 11th and 12th District on Tuesday, according to Jessie R. Barker, secretary of the Tabor Lodge.

Plans for the district meeting are under the direction of Coolidge Wright of Clarendon and Henry H. Atkinson, both district deputy grand masters.

Wright will preside at the afternoon session which will begin at 5 o'clock. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock, and Master David Cook of the Tabor City Lodge will preside when the meeting convenes at 7 o'clock.

Master A. Hinton McLeod of Lumberton, Master W. Roscoe Enzor of Fair Bluff, Master William T. Stover of Whiteville, Master William A. Sinclair of Maxton, Master Thomas J. Willis of St. Pauls, Master Branson E. Townsend of Red Springs, Master Wilton G. Baxley of Fairmont, Master Belvin A. Heath of Waccamaw, Master Gordon T. Lane of Chadbourne, Master Robert L. Clayburn of Proctorville, Master Julius M. Suggs of Elizabethtown and Master James M. Hawes of Shallotte will lead delegations from their lodges to the Tabor City meeting.

Masonic leaders other than Grand Master Ricker of Asheville, who are expected to attend the meeting include Charles A. Harris of Raleigh, grand secretary; A. D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage; Troy G. Robbins, superintendent of Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro and District Deputy Grand Lecturers Lee R. Cain of the 11th district and John E. Barkley of the 12th district.

Winners Named For Decorations

Contest Sponsored By Southport Garden Club Makes More Beautiful City During Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Russ, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogie and Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman look top honors in the Christmas Decoration Contest sponsored by the Southport Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ took first place for the prettiest living tree while Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weeks were second.

Mr. and Mrs. Bogie had the prettiest door while Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willing were second in this category.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman won first
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CAPT. H. T. ST. GEORGE

Listing Taxes Now In Progress

Farm Census Information Will Be Part Of This Year's Report, As In The Past

The big job of listing real estate and personal property for taxes began today (Wednesday) in Brunswick county and will continue through the month of January. A schedule of appointments will be found elsewhere in this newspaper.

This year, as in the past several years when they have listed taxes, farmers will be asked to fill out a farm census.

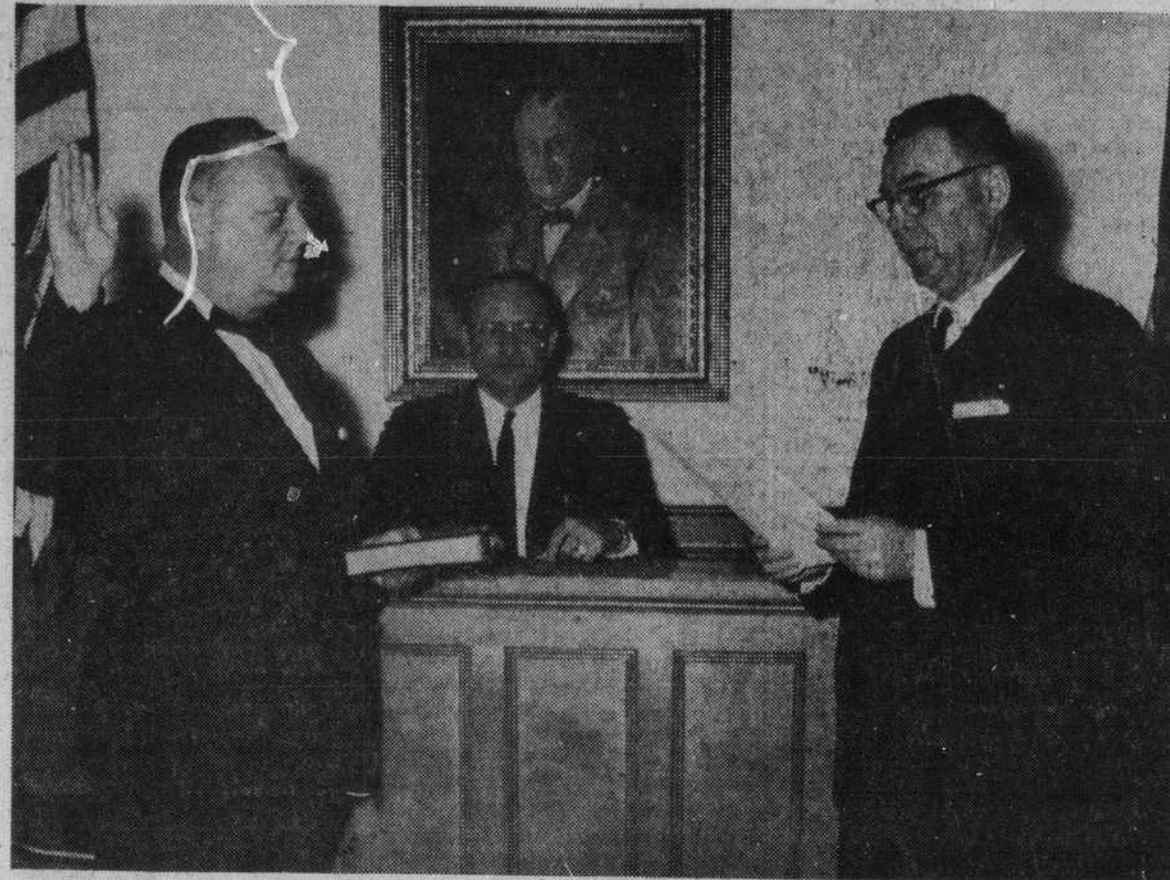
This farm census has no connection with the tax structure and will not, in any way, affect either county, state, or national tax structure. This information is strictly to help build a better and stronger agricultural program in Brunswick County and North Carolina.

This is the only means that has been devised to get this information that is needed by practically every agency operating in Columbus county in helping build a stronger and better agricultural program.

Up to this point, all of the agricultural programs have used this information in developing the program in the county. When the tobacco program first started, they went to the state census for the harvested cropland and the acres of tobacco harvested.

From that basis the allotments were allotted to the state and in turn to the counties. The same procedure has been followed on
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Bowman Sworn In



OATH—James C. Bowman, left, was administered the oath of office for District Solicitor this morning in Brunswick county Recorders Court by Judge R. I. Mintz. Seated in the background is Recorder W. J. McLamb. The portrait on the wall is an oil painting of the late Judge E. H. Cramer. (Staff Photo by Allen).

Highway Death Toll Drops As Year Nears End

All-Time Record Pace For Deaths Takes Big Decline Following Month Of May

Coroner L. B. Bennett pointed out today that a year that started out as the worst in the history of highway deaths in Brunswick county tapered off during the final six months for a total of only 1, and that on a technicality.

On the evening of May 11 there was a grinding, two-car collision near Bolivia on Highway No. 17 which claimed four lives and ran the highway death toll to 18 for 1962 in this county.

On the evening of May 11 there pulled from the waters of Davis Creek, and in it was a woman driver who, it was claimed, made the plunge in a suicide attempt.

Because the car took off from a public road, this was classified as a highway fatality—the last of the year for Brunswick county.

This brought a welcomed relief for harassed Highway Patrol officials, who had been almost desperate in their efforts to control the situation.

The holiday weekend was quiet, and the first two days of the New Year have passed without a major accident. The Highway Patrol has its collective fingers crossed in the hope that the good luck will continue.

Bowman Sworn In By Judge Mintz

Pre-Measurement Of Land Starts

The premeasurement sign-up will begin on January 2 and will continue through March 15, unless the maximum number of requests on which work can be completed on is received prior to March 15, according to ASC Manager R. L. Price. This service is offered on all allotment crops and feed grain or wheat stabilization program diverted acreages.

The charge for this service will be: For tobacco \$3 plus \$1 per acre to be measured, for other crops or land used \$3 plus \$.60 per acre. The minimum charge per farm will be \$8.

Committees To Head Pageant

Shallotte Jaycees Organize For All-Out Effort To Make Success Of Miss Brunswick Pageant

Plans continue for the third annual Brunswick County Pageant, which will be sponsored again this year by the Shallotte Jaycees. Saturday, March 9, has been set as the tentative day.

During the past week the following committees have been named to head up the various phases of the pageant promotion:

President Gene Blair has been elected pageant chairman. Members of the entry committee are Thurston Mintz, Jackie Thomas and Bobby Ray Russ. The ticket committee will be Sam Imman and Billy Cheers; J. T. Clemmons and Robert Stanley will be in charge of publicity; the program committee will be Billy Gurganus and Steve Varum; and on the budget committee, David Gause and Bobby Russ.

The committee in charge of procuring judges will be Jackie Thomas, Gene Blair and David Jones; the stage committee will be Billy Cheers, J. P. Lewis and David Jones; Honey Cheers will be in charge of advertising.

Brunswick Will Share In Funds

Riegel Workers Pledge More Than \$14,000 For Various Fund Drives During Year

Employees of Riegel Paper Corporation's Pulp and Paperboard Division contributed \$14,160 in their recent annual fund drive.

This exceeded the \$14,000 goal set for the drive, and considerably exceeded the \$13,400 given
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Leland Jaycees Receive Charter From President

Important Meeting Of New Organization Held Thursday Night Aboard Battleship North Carolina

Charter night was observed for the new Leland Junior Chamber of Commerce Thursday night aboard the battleship USS North Carolina.

Southeastern Regional Director L. Stacey Weaver, Jr., presented a national and an international charter to Leland Jaycee President Dale Coker, after which State President John L. Kennedy made the feature address.

President Kennedy, who was introduced by Southport Jaycee President H. A. Schmidt, spoke on what the Junior Chamber of Commerce means to a community. He also traced briefly the history of the organization.

State Secretary Marvin P. Wilson, Jr., of Wilmington, presided over the installation of officers. The new Leland Jaycee officers include beside President Coker, Vice-President Thurston Lynch, Secretary Dwight Crainshaw, Treasurer Homer Chadwick and Directors A. H. Gainey, Jr., Frank Gore, Jr., and Willie Hayes.

A president's pin was presented by Secretary Wilson to Mrs. Coker who in turn pinned it on her husband.

The new Leland club then presented State President Kennedy with a Brunswick County hickory smoked country ham.

Eighth District Vice-President Kirby Sullivan of Southport extended words of welcome and recognized the guests which included Brunswick County Commissioner D. L. Ganey and Principal Rockerfellow Vinters of Leland High School.

A total of 46 persons attended the charter night ceremonies including 23 Leland Jaycees.

Rev. Randolph W. Graham, pastor of the Woodburn Presbyterian church, gave the invocation while Rev. J. C. Shaw, Jr., pastor of the Leland Baptist church, led the benediction.

Four Brunswick Persons Rescued

Shrimp Trawler Goes Down In Atlantic Ocean South Of Savannah, Ga., Enroute To Southport

Although the crew was saved, a 63-foot Brunswick county shrimp boat sank at the mouth of the Savannah river near Savannah, Georgia, Monday after being stuck on a breakwater for more than 24 hours, according to Coast Guard authorities.

T. M. Hickman of Shallotte, owner of "H and WL", and Mrs. Harold Crocker of Supply and their son, Thomas James Crocker, were removed from the sinking boat Monday by the Coast Guard.

According to Coast Guard authorities, the boat ran aground at the south jetty entrance to the Savannah River Sunday at approximately 6:30 a. m. It then struck a breakwater.

Because of heavy damage to the hull of the "H and WL", attempts to remove the boat from the breakwater or float it off were unsuccessful.

The Coast Guard worked for more than 24 hours to remove the boat from the breakwater, but it sank during a stiff northeastern Monday.

The Brunswick shrimp boat was en route from St. Augustine, Fla., to Shallotte when it sank.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Doshier

Mrs. Alta Doshier Died Unexpectedly Tuesday Morning Following Brief Illness

Mrs. Alta Wescott Doshier, 76, died Tuesday morning in Doshier Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Final rites were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from Southport Baptist Church by the Rev. Mark Owens and the Rev. Herbert Baker, with burial in Northwood Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, H. L. Doshier of Buena Park, Calif.; and a daughter, Mrs. L. J. Hardee of Southport.

Active pallbearers were Mikall Hardee, Tommy McKeithan, Harold Dozier, Bill Faulk, Jr., Bill Faulk, Sr., Dusty Jones, Glenn Truitt and Dea Hardee.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

LIONS TO MEET
The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock in the Community Building.

CHRISTMAS VISIT
A. W. Moore has returned from a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mauney in Raleigh and with his brother, Eugene Moore, in Ahoskie.

HOLIDAYS END
Things are back to normal routine today after the Christmas and New Years holidays. Schools re-opened following a 10-day vacation period and the county commissioners were holding their regular first of the month meeting. Recorder's court was in special session.

COLLEGE STUDENTS
Among the college students at home for the holidays were Joyce Jorgensen, Karen Swan and Mary Louise Herring, Meredith; Fred Burdett, Jr. and Edward Oliver, Jr., the Citadel; Betsy Duffie, Womans College; Lee Aldridge, East Carolina; and Foxy Howard and Bobby McKeithan, Wingate.

WHEAT SIGN-UP
ASC Manager Ralph L. Price reports that 51 farmers signed up to divert 216.0 acres of wheat in Brunswick county. "The total advance payment for wheat diversion here amounted to \$2,404.14," he said. The extent of participation for 1963 was 53 percent as compared to 67 percent in 1962. North Carolina led the nation in the number of farms that signed up under the program last year. December 14 was the final date to sign-up for wheat diversion.