



Work Progresses On Boarding Home

BUILDING—This is the site of the new boarding home, located near Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport. It is being built by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watts and Walter Sellers of Supply is the general contractor. It is expected to be ready for use next spring. —(CFN Photo).

Social Security Changes Offer Added Benefit

If you received word that you and your family had won a contest which would pay \$650 in cash it would be pretty exciting news. Yet, there are many people who do not realize that the 1965 Amendments to the Social Security "Retirement Test" which will permit them in some instances to receive \$650 or even more in benefits than before while continuing to work.

Under present law, a worker may earn \$1200 in a year and still get 12 full social security checks. His earnings from \$1200 to \$1700 in a year cause deductions at a rate of two for one. In other words, for each \$2 he earns over \$1200, \$1 is deducted from his monthly payments. Earnings over \$1700 cause \$1 to be deducted for each \$1 of earnings.

Beginning with January 1966, new deduction rates go into effect. A worker will be able to earn \$1500 each year and get payments for all months in the year. His earnings from \$1500 to \$2700 will be subject to the two for one reduction. After \$2700, \$1 in earnings will cause the loss of \$1 in benefits.

As an example of the liberalization of the law, earnings of \$2700 could cause only \$600 in deductions in 1966 compared to \$1250 in 1965.

There are other changes which will be of benefit to the person who is entitled to monthly social security payments yet continues to work. The amount of money a person can earn during any one month and still get a benefit check has been raised from \$100 to \$125 per month. This rule applies no matter what the worker's yearly income happens to be.

These changes plus many more made by the 1965 Amendments will result in extra income for millions of social security beneficiaries throughout the country. Now a semi-retired worker will be able to earn more in a year and still get some payments. This will be particularly important to aged people who have never filed for social security payments because they are working and, up to now, have earned too much money to qualify for payments.

Any person who is retirement age or over but has never applied for benefits should contact his local Social Security Office immediately to find out how the changes made by the 1965 Amendments will affect him. The office serving this area is located at 14 South 10th Street, Wilmington. Full information regarding the changes in the Social Security "Retirement Test" as well as the other changes in social security can be obtained at the local office. Their office hours are from 9 a. m. to 8:45 p. m. on Mondays, 9 to 5:15 Tuesdays through Fridays, and 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. The telephone number is 763-9971, Ext. 483, during regular office hours. The telephone numbers for Monday night and Saturday mornings are 762-2442 or 763-0016.

At the present time, the Saturday morning hours are effective for December 4, 11 and 18.



Working On Ferry Slip

PROGRESSING—Work on the ferry slip at Price Creek is now in its latter stages as the span for the last section of the loading dock is emplaced. Ferry service is expected to begin about the first of the year. —(CFN Photo).

Columbus Was Once Part Of This County

"Columbus County was formed in 1808 from Brunswick and Bladen Counties and the town of Whiteville was laid out on the land of James B. White," said Robert H. Burns, Jr., of Whiteville, when he addressed Lord Craven Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century. He further stated that the old courthouse was built at what was known as White's Crossing and is now a part of Whiteville.

Mr. Burns used color slides to depict the historic sites in the county. He also displayed an exhibit of early county maps, old books and official documents.

In showing the slides Mr. Burns read original histories of the spots shown which had been written by members of the senior class in one of the county high schools. He began with a view along Waccamaw River where there was a skirmish with Lord Cornwallis troops during the Revolutionary War and where there were many naval stores; with Crusee Island where slaves and Frenchmen repaired after a local uprising. He then showed several homes and spots in Fair Bluff on the Lumber River (first known as Drowning Creek and later as Lumbee River); of the original town of Vineland which superceded Whiteville; of a trading post built by John Wooten early in 1800 on Drowning Creek; the location of the first town in Columbus County called Wootensboro where John Wooten built his home. He also included the birthplace of Joe Brown who settled a group of discouraged farmers around Chadbourne and there developed the thriving strawberry industry for which that area is famous.

Lord Craven Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, met at (Continued On Page Four)

Ferry Crew Hired And Ready To Go

Mrs. McRacken To Be Honored

Mrs. Margaret McRacken, who has served as Associational Missionary for the Brunswick Baptist Association for the past 17 years, has resigned, to take effect January 1. She will be moving to Charlotte where she will make her home after that date.

An Appreciation Reception will be held in her honor at the Oak Island Baptist Mission at Long Beach on Sunday afternoon, December 12, from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. A joint committee of the Southport Baptist Church WMS, the Bethel Baptist Church WMS and the Oak Island Mission WMS will serve as hostesses. The Mission Committee of the Association is the sponsor of the occasion.

Members of all Baptist Churches are urged to attend as well as other friends. By E. C. Chamblee.

Brunswick Lags In Seal Sales

Brunswick County's contribution to the SENC Tuberculosis Association's Christmas Seal Sale to date is \$125. Total for the six county area is \$4,047.13.

Dr. M. H. Rourke, Brunswick county honorary chairman, and Admiral Ellis, overall chairman, expressed themselves as being pleased with the original amount. General letters were a few days late in getting in the mail, and reminding to those persons whose address had changed has just been completed.

Contributions from persons who are on the list for the first time have been more than generous, and it is hoped that Brunswick will outdo itself this year.

Funds raised from Christmas Seals are helping to pay for the tuberculosis testing program in Brunswick county, as well as educational promotion projects and scholarships for public health personnel. 1% of all funds raised goes directly to medical research, several projects in North Carolina being the recipients of grants from the National Tuberculosis Association.

Louisburg Bank Quest Approved

The North Carolina Banking Commission has approved a request by Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company for the establishment of a bank in Louisburg in Franklin county.

Announcement of commission approval was made during the weekend by Ben L. Nesmith, president of the Waccamaw system of banks.

Nesmith said physical plans are already underway for setting up a bank in Franklin's county-seat and it is expected that the opening will come in early January.

The new bank will be under direction of James Grady who is currently head of Waccamaw's (Continued On Page Four)

Information Is Available For Weed Varieties

By ARCHIE F. MARTIN
County Extension Chairman

Brunswick county tobacco growers can get detailed information on varieties available for their 1966 crop from the County Extension Office in Supply.

The office has received results of the 1965 Official Tobacco Variety Tests from North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

Included in the tests were 16 varieties, two of which will be offered for planting for the first time in 1966. The new varieties are Speight G-7 and NC 2512. Results of these tests are not to be taken as official recommendations. But we do believe the tests can serve as useful guides in helping farmers select a variety for 1966.

Roy Bennett, Extension Tobacco Specialist at N. C. State University, urges growers to look over all of the varieties that they have available for 1965 planting.

"Keep in mind," Bennett said, "that with the new releases of 1962, 1964 and 1965 there are disease resistant varieties that are very much like Hicks in field appearance and in the cured leaf, and some are equal to Hicks in chemical composition, physical and smoke characteristics.

"Growers are now in a position to supply companies with tobacco that is equal to Hicks in quality, yet carrying black shank resistance," Bennett added.

The Extension Tobacco Specialist also pointed out that limited information is available on the new varieties, although they have been through a more extensive testing program than any new varieties released prior to 1964. Growers should pay more attention to varieties which yield the highest percentage in the highest priced grades and varieties which have highest desirability at the market.

"If you are satisfied with your present variety stay with it until you have had a chance to gain experience with the new tobacco," Bennett suggests. "It is better to grow a small acreage of any new tobacco the first year than to go into large scale production immediately."

Students Are Being Tested

Junior high school and senior high school students in the Brunswick county schools are again taking the annual standardized tests this week.

Seventh graders and tenth graders will be administered the California Test of Mental Maturity; eighth graders, the California Achievement Test Battery; and the ninth and eleventh graders the Iowa Tests of Educational Development.

These tests are given each year for the purpose of individual guidance, individualization of instruction, diagnosis of strengths and weakness, and counseling with parents.

Parents are encouraged to make sure students are present each day to take these tests. Information concerning results will be available during the second semester.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

HIGH	LOW
Thursday, December 2	
8:23 A. M.	2:23 A. M.
9:01 P. M.	2:47 P. M.
Friday, December 3	
9:22 A. M.	3:17 A. M.
9:51 P. M.	3:39 A. M.
Saturday, December 4	
10:19 A. M.	4:10 A. M.
10:39 P. M.	4:31 P. M.
Sunday, December 5	
11:13 A. M.	5:02 A. M.
11:26 P. M.	5:19 P. M.
Monday, December 6	
12:03 A. M.	5:50 A. M.
	6:08 P. M.
Tuesday, December 7	
0:12 A. M.	6:39 A. M.
12:53 P. M.	6:56 P. M.
Wednesday, December 8	
12:58 A. M.	7:28 A. M.
1:42 P. M.	7:46 P. M.

Sunny Point Officer Now Leaving Army

First Lieutenant Jimmy J. Justice, assistant to the Director for Operations at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, has completed his active duty with the U. S. Army and is returning to civilian life.

Prior to his departure, Lt. Justice received a letter of appreciation from Lt. Colonel Archie B. Joyner, Jr., Sunny Point Commander, the text being as follows:

"On the eve of your departure from MOTSP and from the U. S. Army, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you my personal and official appreciation for your exemplary performance while assigned to this command.

"You have demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the overall mission of this terminal, and throughout your tour of duty have shown high qualities of professional competence and leadership ability. In your various assignments you have excelled, having readily undertaken and properly discharged the responsibilities associated therewith. Your integrity, high moral character, and loyalty have been definite assets in promoting the good community relations which we at the Terminal enjoy with the citizens of the surrounding area.

"On behalf of the staff and personnel of MOTSP, I convey our very best wishes to you and your family, and may you find success and happiness in your chosen civilian pursuits. It has been a pleasure to have had you as a member of my command."



Lt. Justice and Col. A. B. Joyner

County Farmers Favor All Quotas

Although their vote was light, Brunswick county farmers voted approval of the four propositions submitted to them in the referendum held on November 23. Cotton farmers voted 60 to 21 in favor of continuation of cotton quotas and 54 to 7 in favor of permitting sale of acreage outside the county. They also voted 52 to 4 in favor of levying an assessment of 50-cents per bale for promotion of the cotton industry.

Peanut farmers voted 4 to 0 in favor of quotas for that crop. Brunswick had four farmers eligible to vote in the referendum to determine if rice quotas are to continue. They all voted, and they all voted yes.

The preliminary state returns from the November 23 growers referendum show "yes" votes by 97.8 percent of the 23,480 cotton farmers voting in North Carolina. Returns from other states also gave approval for marketing quotas on cotton.

Approval of the quotas by cotton growers means that quotas with penalties on excess cotton will be in effect for the 1966 crop, and price-support and diversion payments--in addition to loans--will be available to growers who sign up and then carry out provisions of the cotton program. Details of the program will be announced before and during the sign-up, which will be held early in 1966. Growers who elect not to participate in the reduction program may plant within their regular allotment and forego price support yet not be subject to marketing quota penalties. Such growers may also apply for a share of an export market acreage reserve and grow and export all their cotton without cotton from this farm would be free of marketing quota penalties provided the cotton acreage does not exceed the farm allotment plus the export market acreage.

Ash Youth Hurt When Hit By Car

SOUTHPORT—A seven-year-old Ash youth was injured when he was struck by a car near here.

Ronnie Norris was reported in satisfactory condition at the Doshier Memorial Hospital here after he was struck by a car in nearby Thomasboro.

Highway patrol authorities said no charges were brought against the driver of the car, Mary Peggy Poovy of Hickory.

Sunday Wreck Injures Six

WINNABOW—An accident here about 10:45 a. m. Sunday on U.S. 17 hospitalized six persons.

Four of them were members of a family on their way to visit a relative who was a patient in the same hospital to which they were taken.

Admitted to intensive care at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington were Henry C. Baker, 52, driver at one car, Sara Baker, 50, and Charles Baker, 13, all of Greenwood, S.C. Hospital spokesmen said the three were in fair condition.

Mitchell Baker, 18, also of Greenwood and the two men in the other car, Lester Sharpless, 35, driver, and Fred Atkinson Jr., 23, both of Winnabow, were in satisfactory condition, according to hospital authorities.

Patrolmen G. C. Howell of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol said the accident apparently occurred after the (Continued On Page Four)

Time And Tide

The date was November 27, 1935, and tomorrow was Thanksgiving. There was a front page picture showing the pilgrims on their way to church, and a front page editorial on Thanksgiving. Skrimping still was good even that late in the season, and 140 boats were working here.

In an early season basketball game, the Southport girls had defeated Shallotte by a score of 11-10; boxing bouts were being scheduled for the following Tuesday night at Camp Sapon; and there was a front page note which said: "News crowded out this week will appear next week."

Five years later to the day, on Thanksgiving eve, the editor had this to say about a world that was at war: "Each day that we stay out of the present European conflict it appears that we get that much further away from active participation; but no nation now in existence will be able to escape the repercussions of this madness. It is for our opportunity to use all of the resources at our command for good that we should be truly thankful; and if we are to have a reverent attitude of gratefulness, we must dedicate the efforts of our people toward the restoration of world sanity."

November 28, 1945, and although the war was over, the front page still carried news of war. Returning service men were recording their discharges, and on the foreign front a new deal for the Chinese situation had been proposed by Chiang Kai-Shek. A party of bear hunters from Tennessee was in Brunswick with their dogs, and the Green Swamp was the center of their activities. Shrimp production was at the season's best, with one boat, the Mary Clark, bringing in 87-bushels for one day. Dr. J. W. Hayes was leaving Shallotte and Steve Mintz had resigned as superintendent of the Brunswick County Home.

The year was 1950, the date November 29. Snow flakes had (Continued On Page Four)