

Jury Unable To Reach Early Verdict In Second Degree Trial Of Donald Skipper

Case Went To Jury About 4:30 O'clock Tuesday Afternoon But No Verdict Had Been Rendered At 10:15 Tuesday Night

SECOND DEGREE VERDICT ASKED

plea Of Self Defense Is Entered By Attorneys For Skipper, Who Presented Their Case First

The case against Donald Skipper for the fatal shooting of Edward Scott last fall in an argument at a Maco filling station went to the jury at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon; but no verdict had been reached at 10:15 o'clock Tuesday night, when the jury was locked up for the night. The case went on trial Monday afternoon before Judge Sam Ervin, who is presiding over the special term of court, and the presentation of evidence was concluded Tuesday morning. Solicitor John J. Burney did not ask for a first degree verdict, but sought to convict the defendant of second degree murder. Defense counsel rested their case upon self-defense, and were the first to offer evidence in the trial.

S. B. Frink and R. W. Davis, of Southport, and Woodus Kelman, of Wilmington, defended Skipper.

Skipper took the stand Monday afternoon in his own defense. He told the jury he had been in friendly terms with Scott, that Scott had called for him the day of the killing, took him to the Maco filling station, then later began the fatal quarrel. The defendant said he and a negro, Alex Adams, were standing beside a tree talking when Scott approached them and declared he was tired of hearing the two talk about him. Skipper said he denied having said anything about Scott, but that Scott nevertheless advanced upon him. He declared he was a man of poor physique, which was well known to Scott. He said he feared for his life, fired when Scott disregarded his pleas to stop. He said Scott did not stop after he fired once, whereupon he fired a second time.

Skipper said both his legs and both arms had been broken and that he suffered stomach trouble and was no match physically for Scott. (Continued on page 4.)

Little Bits Of Big News

News Events Of State, Nation and World-Wide Interest During Past Week

Appointments

Governor Hoey completed the appointment of high judicial officials Tuesday when he named two new supreme court justices, selected three new superior court judges and a solicitor, and reappointed three special judges. Named to the state supreme court were J. Wallace Winborne, of Marion, state democratic chairman, and Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, resident superior court judge of the Second district. Their appointment was in compliance with a 1937 legislative act raising the number of supreme court justices from five to seven as provided in a constitutional amendment approved last year.

On Her Way

Amelia Earhart stepped out of her flying laboratory and onto a fourth continent at Karachi, India, Tuesday in her "just for fun" flight around the middle of the world. The blonde flyer landed after a 14,000 mile hop from Assab, Eritrea, across the Red Sea, the wide Arabian desert, and a part of the Arabian Sea.

Abandon Plans

Administration chiefs abandoned efforts Tuesday to enact a new "triple-A" farm bill, including Secretary Wallace's "ever-normal granary" proposal, at this session of congress. Senate and house leaders, however, agreed to introduce the measure in both branches, hold extensive hearings and prepare the legislation for quick passage next year. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

C. Ed. Taylor Named County Solicitor By Commissioners

Named To Vacancy Created By Resignation Of G. V. Fesperman Several Months Ago

NAME DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

William Jorgensen Named To Succeed Curtis Tripp As Delinquent Tax Collector

Members of the board of county commissioners in special session here Friday named C. Ed Taylor, Southport attorney, to serve as county solicitor. This position has remained vacant since the resignation several weeks ago of G. V. Fesperman.

The appointment of Mr. Taylor is of unusual interest because of the fact that he is chairman of the Republican executive committee in this county.

At the same meeting members of the board accepted the resignation of Curtis Tripp as delinquent tax collector and named William Jorgensen to succeed him in that office. For the past two years Mr. Jorgensen has been employed in the county auditor's office, and he is thoroughly familiar with the tax accounts.



WILLIAM JORGENSEN

Another important item of business disposed of at the meeting was the awarding of the 1937 audit contract to the D. R. Hollowell firm, of Greensboro.

Menhaden Boat Aground At Lockwoods Folly Inlet

Menhaden Boat Southport, Remained Fast From Wednesday Through Friday After Being Stuck

The Menhaden boat Southport, owned by Morehead City interests that operate a fish factory here, ran aground in the inland waterway near the Lockwoods Folly Inlet Wednesday. She had several hundred dollars worth of fish aboard and before she could be floated Friday night this cargo spoiled and had to be thrown overboard.

Captain W. H. Barnett and his Oak Island life boat and crew went down early Thursday morning and did all that the little boat and the men were capable of doing. The combined efforts of the crew of 20 men on the Southport and the Coast Guards finally floated the boat Friday night, and she proceeded on to her dock here undamaged.

In addition to the factory losing several hundred dollars worth of fish, the crew of twenty men on the Southport lost three days of fishing labor at a time when other boats were bringing in deck loads that represented good earnings for the men and officers. Operations at the factory were also curtailed at considerable loss. If there had been a 75-foot Coast Guard cutter at Southport it is believed the boat would have been floated and on her way in to the factory with her cargo intact within three or four hours after she went a-

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EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETS NEXT WEEK

Members of the board of county commissioners will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 21, 23 and 25, as a board of equalization and review.

This will not be a hearing solely for the purpose of reducing taxes, but will be to hear complaints where property valuations have been affected since a year ago.

According to the schedule to be followed the board will hear citizens from Northwest and Town Creek townships on Monday; from Smithville and Lockwoods Folly townships on Wednesday; and from Shallotte and Waccamaw townships on Friday.

Southport Loses To Whiteville

Charlie Ripple Held Southport Hitters At His Mercy When Men Were On Base And The Columbus County Team Won Again

Southport dropped an 8 to 6 decision to the Whiteville nine Thursday afternoon in a game played on the loser's home diamond.

Spencer, on the mound for Southport, pitched good ball except for a couple of innings, and would have pulled through them in better shape with steady support.

Charlie Ripple worked nicely on the mound for the visiting team and was in control of the situation. (Continued on page four)

Resumption Of Work On Shallotte Road Promised

Promise that work on the Whiteville-Shallotte sector of Highway 130 will be resumed in the early future was made last week by R. G. Johnson, third district commissioner. He told Whiteville people that the work will be commenced from the Columbus end of the sector, since Brunswick county's allotment at the present time is exhausted, and is not in Columbus. Mr. Johnson is quoted as saying that work on the road will be resumed as soon as another appropriation is made. He told J. K. Powell, Whiteville attorney, Thursday that he thought that would be in the near future. One of the principal reasons for starting the work at this end of the line rather

than in Brunswick county remains the fact that a bridge will have to be constructed across Waccamaw River at New Britton Ferry, which is the line between the two counties, and the highway commission is anxious to get the Columbus side of the stretch completed before the construction of the bridge.

The next letting, Mr. Johnson estimated, would carry the road approximately to Old Dock, or something like a distance of five miles. The same type surface as has already been started on the highway, sand-asphalt, will be used to complete it. Nothing definite could be learned as to when an appropriation to this purpose might be expected.

Mrs. Doshier To Head Hospital Auxiliary Group

Succeeds Mrs. I. B. Bussells As Head Of Brunswick County Hospital Auxiliary, Who Resigned Position

NEW COMMITTEES FOR ORGANIZATION

Meetings Of Auxiliary Being Postponed During Summer And Will Be Resumed Next Fall

The Brunswick County Hospital Auxiliary met with Mrs. I. B. Bussells on Wednesday, June 9. At this meeting Mrs. Bussells resigned as president of the organization and Mrs. J. Arthur Doshier was elected to fill that position. Mrs. C. Ed Taylor was elected to the vice-presidency, an office left vacant by Mrs. Doshier.

The following committees for the ensuing year were announced:

Ways and Means: Mrs. J. Arthur Doshier, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. Claude Willing, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. W. G. Butler, Mrs. H. H. Thomas.

Membership: Mrs. Ida P. Watson, Mrs. E. M. Hall, Mrs. W. E. Doshier and Mrs. Price Furless. Sunshine: Mrs. Rob Morse, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. Charlie Hewett, Mrs. Joel Moore and Miss Annie Zue Newton.

Publicity: Mrs. C. R. Livingston. Hospital grounds: Mrs. W. S. (Continued on page 4.)

Numerous Cases Tried In Court

Five Cases Were Settled Before Judge Joe W. Ruark Here Last Wednesday In Recorder's Court

Five cases were disposed of here last week in Recorder's Court before Judge Joe W. Ruark.

Erwin Squires, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving. He was required to pay a fine of \$50.00 and the cost in the case and his driver's license was revoked for a period of 12 months.

Woodrow Davis, white, pleaded guilty on a similar charge. He, too, was required to pay a fine of \$50.00, the costs in his case and had his license revoked for a period of 12 months.

Henry Gore, white, was found not guilty on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Clarence Johnson, white, was tried for setting fire to the woods. Judgment in this matter was held open.

W. H. Elmore, white, was found guilty of non-support. He was ordered to provide the sum of \$5.00 per week for his wife, and the costs of the case were taxed against him.

Sights Sailfish Near Southport

Appearance Of Most Popular Of All Game Fish Adds To Belief That Large Game Fish Abound Near Southport

Making the outside run from Charleston to Southport Monday morning, the crew of the Marlin, a pretty Wheeler Sport Fisherman, from Miami, reported that they saw a large sailfish a half hour after leaving the Gulf Stream, and while they were about 20 miles off Southport.

The sail fish, or "Broadbill's" are most eagerly sought after by the big sport fishermen. They are believed to be out near the Gulf Stream in considerable numbers, and the Southport Civic Club is determined that sooner or later some one well versed in the taking of this and other big game fish will be brought to Southport for the purpose of definitely confirming the belief that they are here in great numbers. (Continued on page 4.)

Local Officers Attend Meeting

Miss Lottie Mae Newton and Mrs. J. W. Ruark attended the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star held last week in Asheville.

Miss Newton is District Deputy Grand Matron and Mrs. Ruark is Grand Matron of the local chapter.

Palmetto Trees Grow On Mainland In County



UNUSUAL—While it is generally known that palmetto trees flourish on Bald Head Island, comparatively few Brunswick county people know that these trees also grow on the mainland. The above picture shows a group of trees near Holden's Beach. (This photograph has been entered by Edward Taylor in The State Port Pilot Photo Contest.)

Considerable Conjecture About Quarantine Station

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county health nurse, announces that there will be a pre-school clinic on Saturday, June 19th in her office from 9:00 until 12 o'clock. All mothers are urged by the Parent-Teachers Association to bring their children who will enter school next fall to be vaccinated and to be given a general physical examination.

This will be the only date set aside for this particular purpose. All children will have to be examined before the end of the school year, so it is advised that attention be paid to this date.

Forest Warden Urges Caution

Extremely Dry Weather Makes Danger Of Forest Fire More Acute Than At Other Seasons Of The Year

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones was in Southport again on Monday and asked that citizens of the county be urged to do everything in their power to reduce the danger of forest fires during this unusually dry period.

"I want to thank them for their co-operation in the program of fire control," he said, "but I do want to ask that they help us during the present emergency."

Last week there was a fire between the Southport-Supply highway and the inland waterway. The blaze was brought under control Sunday night after a stubborn battle in which men from Camp Sapona did fine work. While the blaze swept considerable acreage, it is reported that much of the conflagration was confined to bays and cut-over area.

Ant Control Is Summer Problem

Become A Constant Source Of Annoyance At This Season Of The Year And Must Be Dealt With Indoors And Out

Ants become a constant annoyance at this season of the year because of the damage they do to lawns and flower beds and because of their presence in the kitchen and pantry.

Because there are about 95 kinds of ants known in North Carolina, their control is a difficult problem. What is effective against one kind of ant is not always effective against another. Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the department of zoology and entomology at State College, recommends that the insects be destroyed in their nests. If they occur (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

Revival Meeting Now In Session

A series of revival meetings is in session this week at the Southport Presbyterian church. The preaching is being done by the pastor, the Rev. J. R. Potts.

Citizens Committee Submits Report To The Commissioners

Bulletin

Trial of Irman Clemmons, young Brunswick County white man, for the fatal burning of Hobson Sellers began this morning after District Solicitor John J. Burney had announced that the state would not seek conviction upon a charge of first degree murder, and therefore would not demand the death penalty.

R. W. Davis and S. B. Frink, of Southport, are defending Clemmons.

Injured Seaman Taken Off Boat

Captain W. H. Barnett and Four Members Of Oak Island Coast Guard Station Crew Made Trip On Monday

An injured member of the crew of the tanker Comet was removed from that vessel on Monday night eight miles from the Cape Fear river and was brought to the Brunswick County Hospital by Captain W. H. Barnett and a crew from the Oak Island Coast Guard Station.

W. J. Clanton, of Greenville, Miss., was the injured seaman who was hurt Saturday when he fell between the grating aboard the Socony oil company tanker. The vessel came shoreward with the injured member of her crew for the purpose of bringing him to a hospital.

The transfer was effected at 9:40 o'clock, and less than an hour and one-half later the sailor was in the Brunswick County Hospital, where he is in serious condition. With Captain Barnett on the trip were Chief Boatswain Mate Daniel Willetts, Motor Mechanic A. E. Huntley, Dan Sadler and Sammy Owen.

Vacation Bible School Closes

Commencement Exercises For 1937 Session Of Daily Vacation Bible School Were Conducted Friday Night

The 1937 session of the Daily Vacation Bible School came to a close Friday with a commencement program given in the Southport high school auditorium. The total enrollment for this school was 129, and the average daily attendance was 100. There were 23 persons who served as members of the faculty.

Total expenses for the school was \$14.77, and the offering received Friday night lacked about five dollars of making up this amount.

Following is a list of officers who served during the session: Principal, A. L. Brown; pastor, E. M. Hall; Music director, Miss Lela Hubbard; Assistant, Miss Estelle Furr; Boys handwork: (Continued on Page Four)

Captain Fred Burriss Makes Good Shrimp Haul Saturday

Expectations of a busy summer and of Southport being a greater attraction for fishing parties were increased Saturday by the taking of 150 pounds of large shrimp, in the space of three hours. The catch was made by the boat of Captain Fred Burriss, who went out alone on a prospecting trip to the shrimp grounds.

Lewis Hardee, local shrimp and seafood buyer, stated to newsmen that he expected that the Burriss catch would result in the many Southport boats now working in South Carolina and Georgia, returning home immediately. There are a number of the local craft at Murrells Inlet, Myrtle Beach, Georgetown, Bayboro, Rockwell and Beaufort, S. C. Mr. Hardee has several of his big boats at Rockwell, and is operating a house there. Bill Wells, another Southport dealer, is also operating at Rockwell. A rather interesting circumstance in connection with the

Citizens Committee Appointed To Investigate County Financial Situation And To Make Recommendations Complete Job

REPORT IS MADE BEFORE THE BOARD

Recommendations Of Committee Approved And Copies Of Report Forwarded To Raleigh

Members of the citizens committee appointed several weeks ago by the Board of County Commissioners to make a study of the financial condition of the county completed their work last week and turned in their report to the board in special session Friday.

After carefully reviewing the report, members of the board approved the findings and recommendations of the committee and passed a resolution to have a copy sent W. Kelvin Gray, representative of a large group of bondholders, and Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer and director of the local government commission.

Following is the most important section of the report, omitting some statistical figures that are available from the minutes of the last meeting of the board of commissioners:

"We find that the county has made an attempt to carry out the spirit of the plan under consideration beginning July 1, 1935. "But we also find that in the effort to conform to the proposed plan that the current county obligation for governmental purposes are in very precarious condition, that the current obligations of the county government cannot be met, that county officers are several months without pay, that there is no money on hand with which to run courts, that the increasing demands on the county government for social betterment measures reduces the county officials to a continual state of embarrassment, and renders the future of some of these worthy undertakings to an extremely hazardous position. We find that the modest expenditure required and heretofore provided by the county to aid in the forestry preservation service in the county is in immediate peril. (Continued on Page Four)

Checking Routes For School Bus

O. S. Dillard, Representative Of The State School Commission, Is Spending This Week In Brunswick County

O. S. Dillard, representative of the state school commission, is spending this week in Brunswick county checking up on routes for the school buses at the various consolidated schools of the county during the coming school year.

This work is done each summer with the idea of bringing transportation facilities to a maximum number of school children with a minimum mileage. Proposed changes in the routings at two of the county schools has made it necessary for Mr. Dillard to spend a full week here.

Tide Table

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

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, June 17	
3:04 a. m.	9:29 a. m.
3:44 p. m.	10:09 p. m.
Friday, June 18	
4:03 a. m.	10:19 a. m.
4:39 p. m.	11:00 p. m.
Saturday, June 19	
5:01 a. m.	11:06 a. m.
5:27 p. m.	11:47 p. m.
Sunday, June 20	
5:54 a. m.	11:51 a. m.
6:14 p. m.	
Monday, June 21	
6:40 a. m.	12:34 a. m.
6:52 p. m.	12:37 p. m.
Tuesday, June 22	
7:21 a. m.	1:18 a. m.
7:27 p. m.	1:21 p. m.
Wednesday, June 23	
8:00 a. m.	2:02 a. m.
8:02 p. m.	2:03 p. m.