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All The Time

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## Interest Grows In Fishing Out In Gulf Stream

No Party That Has Made  
The Fifty-Mile Trip To  
The Warm Waters Off  
Southport Has Returned  
Empty-Handed

MANY SPECIMENS  
HAVE BEEN TAKEN

Baracuda Have Been Tak-  
en On Every Trip; Am-  
berjack And Sailfish  
Hooked; Tuna And  
Others Sighted

The past two days have clearly demonstrated that big game fish of all sorts abound in great number near the gulf stream off Southport, ready to furnish sport equal to that which is found in Florida.

Sunday the Silver Spray of Wilmington, Captain E. M. Godwin, went out and brought in six large baracuda, weighing from 18 to 25 pounds; three large dolphin and a number of big mackerel. Most exciting of all, Dr. F. H. Coleman of the party hooked a huge sail fish which broke his wire leader and got away after ten minutes of fierce struggle. Three times the huge fish broke entirely clear of the water, shaking its head in a frantic effort to dislodge the hook. The whole party had a good view of it on all these occasions and they said it appeared to be fully seven feet long. It was about 30 yards from the boat when it left the water.

Monday the Silver Spray, argued by the Sea Duke of Captain Merritt Moore and the Sea King of Captain Scott, both of Southport, went out with large parties aboard. There were too many for trolling, according to some in the party.

The Sea Duke brought in 24 large fish, including one 38-pound amberjack and 12 baracudas. The Silver Spray party had nine fish, most of them being baracudas and dolphins. Captain Scott's party brought in eight.

## Little Bits Of Big News

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

### Chinese Hold

Japanese battered Chinese lines with heavy land and naval guns Tuesday, but failed to crack the resistance barring their inland drive in the Shanghai sector. Despite a savage onslaught which began at sunset Monday night and raged almost ceaselessly from this morning, the Chinese stood fast to punish their foe with withering machine gun fire. Blazing fires lighted the whole of Shanghai's northwestern skyline.

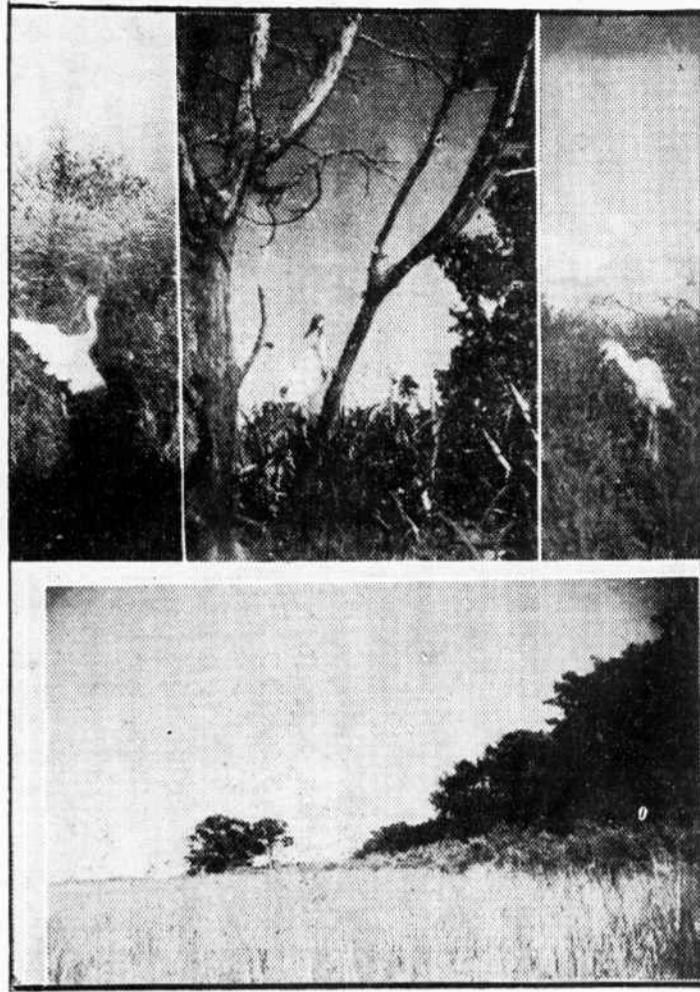
**Now We'll Tell One**  
Several waterspouts formed in the ocean off Beaufort inlet Tuesday when the wind shifted from southeast to northwest and oldest residents recalled the one which burst 25 years ago and sprayed the town with fish. One of today's spouts tail ended in the ocean near Fort Macon and swirled like a serpent for a mile before it reached a heavy bank of black clouds. Fishermen termed it a "mullet shift," saying similar spouts in the past resulted in better fishing.

### Back To School

The majority of North Carolina's 950,000 school children will tramp back to classes this week, swinging State-provided textbooks and resuming their school careers in greatly improved buildings and under more efficient methods than they left three months ago, State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin said Tuesday. Many schools in Piedmont and western North Carolina already have opened and students in the East will join a continuous back-to-school stream from now until October 1. Superintendent Erwin explained that schools in the fall and closed later in the spring because young boys and girls were needed on the farm. Some strictly urban schools in the East, including those of the Capital City are opening this week.

Pilot Robert Thompson,

## Rookery



**ROOKERY**—The scenes pictured were photographed on Battery Island. The birds shown are the young of the Little Blue Heron. These birds remain white for two seasons, acquiring their adult plumage of slate-blue in the late summer of their second year. While wearing their white feathers they are readily mistaken for Snowy Egrets, the differences being unnoticeable to the average observer.

## Battery Island Is Famed As Bird Breeding Ground

At Certain Seasons Of The Year The Trees At Battery Island Are Filled With Beautiful Birds

**ROOKERY SHOULD RECEIVE PROTECTION**

Egrets Of Various Kinds Raise Over There; Once Were Near Extinction Because Of Plume Hunters

(By WATERS THOMPSON) To the casual observer the cedar trees on Battery Island seem to have changed to magnolias. Apparently they have large white blossoms nearly covering them.

This unusual sight is caused by several hundreds of birds roosting in them. The island is a nesting place for five different varieties of herons. The birds, called locally cranes, squawgans and several other names, have been making the little clump of woods on this island their breeding ground for several years now. The species represented are the American or Great White Egret, the Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Louisiana Heron and the black-crowned Night Heron.

The Great White and Snowy Egrets are the most beautiful of our native wild life. These are the birds that were only saved from extinction by the intervention of the Federal Government. During the breeding season both varieties have showers of plume-like feathers growing from their back. These are the aigrettes.

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## Waterspout Makes Appearance Near The Cape Fear River Bar

People on the river front in Southport Thursday morning witnessed a rare sight. A large waterspout formed over the ocean back of Fort Caswell and was visible for about ten minutes before drawing back up into the cloud formation of which it was a part.

While by no means an unusual sight on the ocean, waterspouts are seldom visible from Southport. In fact, there have been only three sighted in the past fifteen or twenty years.

There was a great mass of dark clouds back of Caswell from which dense curtain of rain was falling. From this cloud-bank the spout descended to nearly the height of the tree tops. The whirling motion was plainly visible and, no doubt, the people at the Fort and Oak Island got a close view of it.

Pilot Robert Thompson,

## Judge Spears Is Unable To Hold Term Of Court

Jurist Taken Ill Saturday  
On Way From Whiteville  
To His Home In Durham  
And Is Advised By Doctor  
Not To Hold Court

**NO OTHER JUDGE FOUND AVAILABLE**

Minutes Of Clerk Of Court  
Show That Term Was  
Adjourned After Being  
Opened

A telegram received here Saturday afternoon by Clerk of Court B. J. Holden informed him that Judge Marshall T. Spears, scheduled to preside over a one-week's term for the trial of civil cases, would be unable to hold court. Following is the text of the telegram:

"Was taken ill on way home from Whiteville yesterday. My physician has advised me not to hold court next week. Regret unable to be able to be with you. Governor's office advises that no other judge available to hold your court. Judge Marshall T. Spears."

The minutes in the clerk's office show that the court was opened, and adjournment was taken because of the illness of the judge.

This means that the September term probably will be indefinitely postponed, unless there is a call for a special term of court.

**Jury List For  
October Term**

Members Of Board Of Com-  
missioners In Session  
Here Monday Drew Jury  
List For Criminal Term

The members of the board of county commissioners in regular session here Monday drew the jury list for the October term of Brunswick county Superior court for the trial of criminal cases. Judge Marshall T. Spears, of Durham, will preside over the term.

Following is the jury list:  
L. N. Evans, C. D. Carlisle,  
P. G. Carlisle, L. N. Babson, H.  
D. Jenrett, H. J. Formy Duval,  
Ash.

B. C. Woodard, B. D. Bennett,  
Robert A. Little, Freeland.

O. A. Lewis, David R. Johnson,  
W. H. Thorpe, O. D. Clemmons,  
T. M. Danford, Quincy

Clemmons, Bolivia.

H. S. Chadwick, R. O. Lewis,  
Shallotte.

G. R. Hewett, C. G. Roach,  
George A. Swain, Ralph Clemmons,  
Supply.

A. W. Moore, W. B. Varnam,  
Southport.

L. M. McLamb, Wampée; G.  
R. Ennis, Leland; Oliver R. Little,  
Bolton.

## Invitation Sent To Fort Bragg

General McClosky Urged  
To Allow Soldiers To  
Come Here For Vacation  
And Fishing Trip; Com-  
panies Have Come In  
Past

Recalling that on two previous occasions Southport has had the pleasure of having companies of soldiers here for a ten days rest camp during the fall when fishing was at its best, the Southport Civic Club has written General Manus McCloskey, commander at Fort Bragg, asking that he

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## Beloved Woman Dies At Home

Mrs. Annie Missouri Newton  
Died Wednesday Night At Her Home Following Attack Last Week

Mrs. Annie Missouri Newton, beloved resident of Southport, died at her home here Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Her death was ascribed to an heart attack which she suffered several days previously.

The deceased, who was 80 years of age, is the widow of the late Julius Newton, Cape Fear river pilot. She has been an invalid for several years, but had maintained a bright, cheerful outlook upon life.

She is survived by one son, Clyde Newton, of Southport; and two daughters, Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, of Wilmington, and Miss Annie M. Newton, of Southport.

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## First Service Club Meeting Thursday

On Thursday, September 9th The County Service Club will meet at the home of Miss Pauline Lewis at Winnabow. The meeting will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

This is the first meeting of the Service Club since it closed for the summer months. All members are urged to attend. New members are invited, boys or girls who have finished high school.

Meetings will be held once a month, at night, and will be both educational and recreational in nature. Boys and girls who are still in school are asked to join the 4-H club—not the Service Club.

who was bringing in a tanker at the time, said that it was a very large spout and was causing great disturbance in an otherwise calm sea. The tanker was not much more than a mile away from it, and those on board could get an uninterrupted view of the whole thing. The center of the storm was on the bar near the Whistling buoy.

These inspiring spectacles are caused by the same weather condition as the terribly destructive tornadoes of the middle west. In fact a waterspout is a tornado on twenty years.

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## Officials Attended Highway Meeting Held By Powell

Register Of Deeds R. I.  
Mintz And Members Of  
Board Of County Com-  
missioners Attend Meet-  
ing Tuesday

**FAVOR WORK ON  
HIGHWAY NO. 130**

County Board Asked To  
Name Other Projects To  
Be Given Preference In  
Future By Highway

Register of Deeds R. I. Mintz and members of the Brunswick county Board of commissioners attended a division highway meet Tuesday in Whiteville, at which time Commissioner A. F. Powell, Jr., heard petitions for road projects in his district.

The Brunswick county delegation declared their preference for the completion of the Shallotte-Whiteville hardsurfacing project. Similar action was taken several weeks ago by members of the board of commissioners in Columbus county, so it is believed that this work will be advanced as rapidly as possible.

The local delegation was asked to designate certain other roads in the county for improvement by the highway forces.

Grading of the four-mile stretch of highway no. 130 that is being prepared for paving is nearing completion, and it is expected that hardsurfacing will begin within a few days.

**Prospects Good  
For Local Camp**

Reassuring Information Is  
Received Regarding The  
Plans To Maintain CCC  
Company At Southport

Recent rumors that Camp Sapona might be abandoned have apparently been laid to rest, and according to reliable information there will be no readjustment or realignments of camps in this district until the first of January, if then. Should it then be found necessary to dispense with one of the camps in the district, the choice for removal will hardly fall on Sapona, according to information received the past week.

In a letter to W. B. Keziah Congresswoman J. Bayard Clark said "I realize the extent to which Brunswick must depend upon its timber resources and I want the camp to stay there as long as it is possible to keep one anywhere."

The Civic Club secretary had written Mr. Clark pointing out that 80 per cent of the land area of Brunswick was classed as woodland and that during the past few years of forest fire protection and control, in which Camp Sapona has so ably assisted, much valuable young timber had started to grow. The removal of the camp would remove much of the protection from both this young timber and future growth.

The engine itself did not leave the tracks, and only five of the cars actually left the tracks.

Fire broke out in two tank cars loaded with gasoline when the valve on one of the cars was broken. Until 8:30 o'clock Friday morning a blaze approximately 150 feet high spouted into the air like a huge blowtorch.

The accident occurred one mile south of Maco on a straight fill.

When the cars derailed, one of the tank cars rolled down the train.

It is probable that a fleet of 10

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## Timber Worker Fatally Injured

Jim Long, Of Old Dock,  
Dies After Being Hit By  
Limb From Tree He Was  
Cutting Near Crusoe Is-  
land

Jim Long, 50-year-old timber worker of Old Dock, was fatally injured Thursday at 1 p.m. when a limb fell out of a tree he was cutting near Crusoe Island and struck him on the head.

He was carried to the Columbus County hospital where he died at 9 o'clock that night. His head was badly crushed and he never regained consciousness after being struck.

Long was in the employ of J. B. Smith, 306 S. Madison St.

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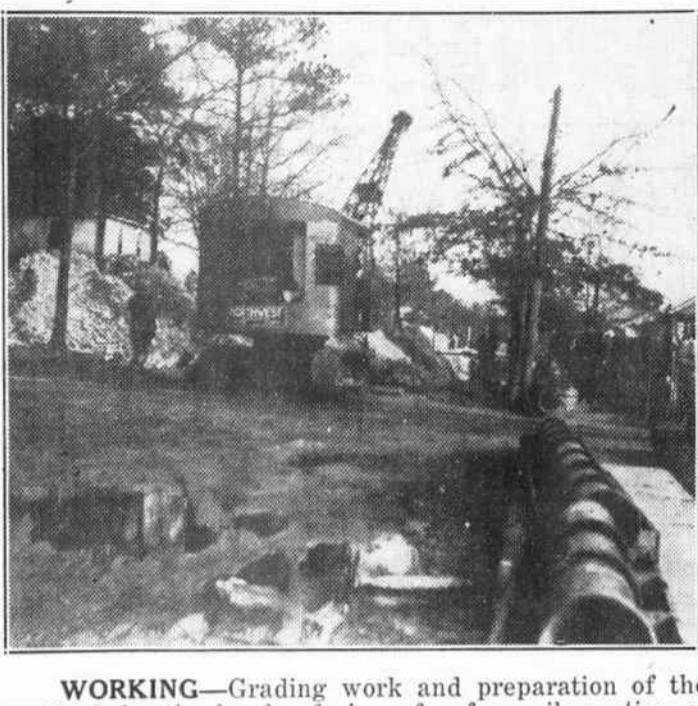
## Superintendent Beck On Inspection Trip

Supt. H. L. Beck, in charge of the Charleston District, U. S. Lighthouses, was here Thursday on an inspection trip, on board the tender Cypress, one of the vessels used in his district. Visiting the Garrison Building, now

used as the home and headquarters for M. F. Mollycheck, keeper of the Cape Fear river lights, Supt. Beck made the following entry in the inspector's book:

"Much good work has been done at the keeper's headquarters at Old Fort Johnston. No special instructions were ever given as none were necessary."

## Grading



**WORKING**—Grading work and preparation of the roadbed for the hardsurfacing of a four-mile section of the Shallotte-Whiteville highway is nearing completion. The machines used for pouring the hardsurface already have arrived at the Shallotte end of the project.

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There has been a great influx of trashy tobacco on the market. The farmers who have been holding their quality weed, however, are urged for their own good to sell it as soon as possible, as past records show that the better grades tend to drop in price after the Eastern Belt markets open.

Over three and a half million pounds of tobacco were sold on the local market this week.

Some of the better sales recorded on the market last week are: Immon and Duncan, 216 lbs at 42c; Judge Milliken, 220 lbs at 46c; M. C. Stephens, 356 lbs at 35c; J. E. Barnes, 162 lbs at 49c; G. G. High, 50 lbs at 45c.

Whiteville warehouses sold 500,000 pounds at an estimated average of \$23 cwt on Thursday.

One nice lot of wrappers sold for \$60cwt straight sale. Friday's sales were \$80,000 pounds at an average of \$23.50cwt. Immense quantities of common leaf and burned tips pulled the average price down.

During the past few weeks, Whiteville has proven itself to be a grade market; although the great quantity of poorer grades of weed and tips have pulled the average down, the better grades of tobacco have brought excellent prices.

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