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January Court Session Closes Here Wednesday

Continuation Of Numerous Cases Cuts Short The January Term For Trial Of Civil Actions

RESTORED HIS CITIZENSHIP

Actions Settled Were Little Interest To Any Other Than Those Involved

Abbreviated term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil actions came to close as numerous cases scheduled for trial were continued for various reasons.

Efforts to restore the citizenship of E. H. Smith was completed when five men appeared before the court and testified that plaintiff has conducted himself in a manner becoming a citizen since his pardon on March 2, 1936, following a parole granted in March, 1935. He now is restored to full and complete citizenship.

In the case of Dave Mintz against Southern Dixie Insurance company was continued, but is the first case for the next term of court. Also incorporation in this case is the interest of A. Northrop, who was bringing suit against the insurance company. Northrop was given a judgment against Mintz for a sum of \$422.05.

A consent judgment was reached in the case of R. D. White vs. W. Holden in which the plaintiff received \$300.00. The costs of the court were taxed against the defendant.

In the case of Sam Hemming and wife, Rosa Hemming, et al. against J. A. Clemmons and Jerry Stevens the plaintiffs suffered a voluntary non-suit and no costs were attached.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Strange Diet

Believing he can "give up" all material life and not die" because the soul is above such things, Dean Israel H. Noe, of Memphis, Tenn., has undertaken a fast to prove his belief.

Noe said that Dean Noe went on an orange juice diet more than a year ago, and that on January 2, 1938, he gave up even orange juice and up to 13 days, at least, had taken no food or water except a tiny communion wafer and a sip of wine three times weekly. The friends added that Dean Noe was thin and "looked bad."

Murderer

A mild-mannered, college-bred transient showman, confessed murderer of his employer, whose wife lies in a Henderson hospital suffering critical wounds from blows of the same axe, said Tuesday he would die under his assumed name rather than bring shame and sorrow to his family by revealing his true identity.

Held for safe-keeping in a jail at a nearby county, location of which officers refused to reveal, the youth known as Henderson, as Clarence Fairbanks, Jr., awaits a preliminary hearing there Friday on charges of hacking to death Steve Good, operator of a Tom Thumb circus, and assaulting Good's wife, Mrs. Josephine Stokes Good, with the murder-axe.

Hummy Camp

Humiliated senators heard Thursday that a clever interior department clerk who set up a "Hummy" CCC camp defrauded government out of about \$2,000 through voucher forgeries and escaped detection after four years. Three department investigators told the committee how Reno Stittely, 29, forger of a national service, extorted a three-year series of payoffs and used the money he obtained to pay off a \$6,000 note in his residence, purchase an expensive automobile, gamble on horse events, speculate in the stock market and spend lavishly.

Attorney General Rules Out Ward's Appointment

State Official Gives Opinion That Member Of The Board Of Commissioners May Not Vote For Himself

NO RECORDER'S COURT TODAY

Last Week's Session Was Postponed Because Of Superior Court Being In Session In Courtroom

Asked for a ruling on the recent appointment of J. B. Ward as judge of the Brunswick county Recorder's court Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell, in a letter to R. I. Mintz, clerk to the board, has expressed the following opinion:

"I am convinced that a county commissioner has no right to vote for himself to fill the office of county judge, and that if his vote is necessary to an election, I think the better opinion is that such election would not be sustained by the courts. . . Such a transaction in my judgment would be void as against public policy."

Seeking to further clarify the situation, J. M. Roach, chairman of the board of county commissioners, requested that the minute recording the vote on



J. B. WARD

This issue be printed. It follows: "S. J. Frink offered a motion that J. B. Ward be appointed Recorder so succeed J. W. Ruark for the unexpired term. Mr. Ward seconded this motion, and upon roll call Chairman Roach voted no; Commissioner Frink voted yes; and Commissioner Ward voted yes." Following the ruling of the attorney general, it is expected (Continued on Page Four)

Visiting British Warship Attracts Local Interest

H. M. S. Apollo Passed Through Southport Headed for Wilmington Thursday Afternoon

HANDLED BY LOCAL CAPE FEAR PILOTS

Brought In By Capt. Harold St. George And Piloted Out By Captain Tommie

The visit of H. M. S. Apollo to Wilmington during the past week has occasioned more than a passing interest among residents of this county.

When the British gunboat, which is making a series of goodwill stops, passed through Southport Thursday afternoon about 2 o'clock the waterfront was lined with citizens down to witness her passing. A short recess was taken at the high school and the garrison was lined with students and teachers, who waved salute to the visiting warship.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the past week-end hundreds of Brunswick county people visited the Apollo at Wilmington and went aboard.

A good crowd was on hand at the waterfront again Tuesday afternoon as the ship made her departure from Cape Fear waters.

Members of the Cape Fear Pilot Association directed the passage of the vessel to and from Wilmington. She was piloted by river Thursday by Captain Harold St. George, and her way out Tuesday, Captain Tommie St. George, oldest active member of the Cape Fear Pilot Association, was the pilot.

L. B. Clemmons Is Death's Victim

L. B. Clemmons, of Bolivia, died Monday afternoon at James Walker Memorial Hospital, in Wilmington, following a brief illness. He was 59-years-of-age.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Antioch Baptist church, near Bolivia, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Welcomes Plenty Of News About Fishing At Southport

The State stopped game and hunting advertising, almost as soon as it was started last fall. The reason was that local hunting was increasing at such a rate and the birds also being killed off by predatory animals at such speed that most everybody hated seeing out-of-state people invited to come in to join in the slaughter.

All this is preamble to saying that Southport and the coast of Brunswick is left sitting pretty. This section has the very best sport fishing on the North Carolina coast. It will be a long, long day before sportsmen with hook and line catch all the fish that we have in the sea. Nobody objects to the coming to Southport of

Dolphins Beat Modoc Cagers

The Southport Independent Boys Turn In Fast Game To Win Over Strong Team From Wilmington City League

The Modoc cagers, rated as being the second best basket ball team in Wilmington, maintained that standing against the Southport Dolphins here Monday night. The visitors ran up the first two points, but thereafter through the first half it looked as if the Dolphins would whale every bit of tar out of the Tars from the Modoc. The first half ended with the Dolphins having the big end of a 19-6 score.

Report Is Made On Yacht Basin

Upon Receipt Of Findings In Washington Congressman Clark Will Be Notified So He May Discuss Matter

The report of Major Ralph Mills, chief of the Wilmington Army Engineers Office, on the advisability of constructing a yacht basin and storm haven at Southport, reached Washington Saturday after passing the regular course through the Richmond, Va. Engineers office.

It is not known here whether the report was favorable to the undertaking or the reverse. It is understood, however, that Washington will call in Congressman J. Bayard Clark for a conference on the matter. This conference may have already been held, as the Congressman was to be advised immediately after the report reached Washington.

Congressman Clark advised the Civic Club Friday that he was keeping in close touch with the matter and would advise the organization of any developments or technicalities that may be encountered.

Frink Child Dies Tuesday Morning

Little Annie Laura Frink, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Frink, of Shallotte, died early Tuesday morning following an attack of pneumonia. The child was playing about the house Monday, and apparently was with out fever. That night she became very ill, and death came Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Mintz cemetery with the Reverend Lester Mintz in charge of the last rites. Surviving are the father and mother, three sisters, Doris, Marjorie and Connie; and two brothers, John and Bryan.

Dr. J. A. Doshier Named County Doctor Friday

Members Of County Board Of Health Met Friday And Named Him To Replace Dr. M. H. Rourk, Of Shallotte

BOARD ACCEPTS DR. ROURK'S RESIGNATION

Action Became Effective Saturday, And Dr. Doshier Resumes Duties He Long Held

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Health met Friday and elected Dr. J. A. Doshier county physician to replace Dr. M. H. Rourk, of Shallotte, whose resignation was read and accepted at the meeting.

Thus after almost a year's absence Dr. Doshier returns to a position which he long has held. He told members of the board that his physical condition is much improved, and that there is no question in his own mind about his physical ability to attend the duties of his office.

The board of health is comprised of J. M. Roach, chairman of the board of county commissioners; J. D. Erickson, mayor of the city of Southport; Dr. R. C. Daniel, who represents the dental profession; Dr. J. Arthur Doshier, who represents the medical profession; Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of education.

Shad Fishermen Seeking Earlier Season Opening

Delegation From Four Northeastern Counties Appeared Tuesday Before Board Of Conservation And Development

POINT TO PRICE DIFFERENCE NOW

Various Reasons Advanced By Delegation In Furthering Their Own Case In Asking Early Season

Fishermen of four coastal counties protested the late opening date for shad fishing to the State Board of Conservation and Development in Raleigh Tuesday and drew an intimation that the season would be advanced.

Pointing out that shad prices range from \$40 to \$50 a box in January, when the season is closed, compared with \$10 to \$12 in the late months, the fishermen declared that profits would be increased greatly by opening and closing the season earlier.

The Board offered several proposals to the fishermen, with sentiment apparently favoring advancing the opening date three days for every day the closing date was advanced, with a 30-day limit. Should the board adopt the proposal, the gill net season would be open from January 5 to April 5, rather than February 5 to April 15, as at present, and the pound net season would be open from January 15 to April 25, instead of February 15 to May 1.

Shrimp Activity Continues Here

Several Up-State Boats Are Here In Addition To Usual Number Of Local Boats Engaged In Off-Season Shrimping

An investigation Sunday revealed that fourteen boats from up-state, in addition to many from other points in Brunswick county and a number from New Hanover, were still at Southport, busy with shrimp trawling and fishing. It is understood that every one of the up-state boats will remain here indefinitely, the owners making their homes at Southport. Two or three families of boat owners have already moved in.

The program is to shrimp when shrimp may be found during the winter, convert the boats into sport fishing craft for the use of parties during the summer and with the return of fall, the shrimp nets will be taken up again. All of the boats are good ones. Three of them are fifty-footers and the others are close to that. Their availability will add greatly to bringing an enormous number of sport fishing parties to Southport during the summer, and the town will profit thereby.

Last year there was often a shortage of boats. This year it looks as it things may be the other way around. In fact, there will be so many boats here that it will be absolutely necessary to do everything possible towards interesting sportsmen in coming here and going fishing. This should be easy.

The sport fishing will grow this year into something that will mean a great deal for Southport. Last year there was (Continued on Page 4)

Phoenix Club Women Meet

The Phoenix Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Henry Verzaal, January 10th. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Oastruyk, President. "The Song of the Open Country" was sung, after which the roll was called.

The new year books for 1938 were given out and discussed, after a business meeting a chinese spelling match was held.

The hostess served delicious refreshments. Those were: Mrs. Oastruyk, Mrs. Ernestine Thorpe, Mrs. Joe P. Verzaal, Mrs. Ernest Peterson, Mrs. Thurman Pinnerbark, and Mrs. Henry Verzaal. One visitor also was present.

Clifton Moore Enters Race For District Resident Judge

Former Mayor Of Burgaw And Now Practicing Attorney There Will Seek Office Vacated By Judge Cranmer

HE IS SECOND TO ENTER THIS RACE

Native Of Pender County Says That He Will Be Ever Thoughtful Not To Betray Confidence Of His Friends

Clifton L. Moore, Burgaw Attorney, announced this week that he will be a candidate for Judge of the Eighth Judicial District to succeed Judge E. H. Cranmer who has announced his retirement at the end of the year.

In making the announcement of his Candidacy, Mr. Moore said, "The people of the Eighth Judicial District are to be congratulated upon the splendid character and ability of the judges who have served them in the past. There are no greater names in the history of any District in North Carolina than those of Stacy, Rountree and Cranmer. I sincerely regret that Judge Cranmer did not decide to accept the nomination again. It will be impossible to replace the qualities of untarnished characters mental



CLIFTON MOORE

acumen legal talent and judicial temperament which were exemplified in him. I make this statement despite the fact that it is my opinion that the lawyers of this District are the equal in (Continued on page four)

War On Cats Brings In Widespread Correspondence

Offers Reward For Fire Bug

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones was in a fighting mood Tuesday, and with just cause. "Somebody set out eighteen fires in the woods along the Wilmington-Southport highway Monday afternoon between the county home and Mill Creek," he said. "My townsmen were on their job, otherwise we would have lost a lot of acreage. We managed to hold the loss under twenty acres."

The forest warden authorized the offer of a \$50.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. "I'll pay it out of my own pocket if I have to," he said.

Local Man Made State Inspector

H. B. Smith Left Today For Raleigh Where He Will Assume The Duties As Chief Boiler Inspector

H. B. Smith, well known Southport man, has received his appointment as Chief Boiler Inspector for the State. He left this morning for Raleigh to begin his duties. It is understood that the work will entail his making his headquarters at some centrally located point, the duties being to cover the whole state.

A field of 16 men started the examination for the position. This examination was a long and difficult one, all applicants being supposed to put in a full day and a half. Of the sixteen, Mr. Smith was the only man still in the running at the conclusion of the first day. An assistant, as well as a chief, was desired and it is understood that none of the others taking the examination secured a rating that was even high enough to qualify them for this secondary position.

Athletic Meet Held At Bolivia

Coaches and principals of Brunswick county high schools met Monday evening at Bolivia to discuss adoption of rules covering eligibility for the Brunswick county basketball series.

Due to the absence of several members, final action on the matter was postponed until another meeting the last of this week.

State Advertising Man Coming Here For Pictures

Bill Sharpe, headman of the Publicity Works for the North Carolina State Advertising, is coming to town Saturday for a day with the Civic Club. The pending visit is resulting in the club raising a SOS for six or a dozen of the prettiest girls or young women in Southport.

The warning is given that facial charms, alone, will not serve. The desired pulchritude must go all the way. The aid that volunteers will have to furnish equipment in the way of bathing suits, and a trip over to Fort Caswell is entailed. Over there, the bathing suits will be donated and the girls will be invited to go swimming in the hot water pool and also to stand beneath an improvised

Most Of The Sentiment Appears To Be Against The Marauding Housecat, And Many Favor Reduction

CHALK WRITES ABOUT MATTER

State Game Commissioner Asks For Frank Advice From Sportsmen Regarding Quail Situation

That cat situation is getting kind of perplexing. Following local barages last week, barages that described the cat as the most destructive enemy of game birds, the Southport Civic Club has been receiving letters from all over North Carolina and some from South Carolina and Georgia. It looks like other places will also be heard from in plenty in due time. The general sentiment is that the sportsmen will have to kill the vagrant cats in the woods, or else.

The most convincing argument came from John D. Chalk, State Game Commissioner. He wrote the club that he was almost lynched in 1935 when the Board shortened the quail hunting season by about 15 days, upon a recommendation that he was forced to make. Despite this reduction in the open season, made in 1935, Mr. Clark feels himself with the absolute necessity of asking that the open season be further shortened this year.

Expressing himself as being in hearty accord with all the (Continued on page 4)

Chairman Powell Warns Employers Of Late Reports

Unless Full 1.8 Percent Of 1937 Payrolls Of Covered Employers Is Paid This Month, Rate Will Be Increased

QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE DUE THIS MONTH

The Commission Will Have To Enforce The Law On Delinquent Employers In Order To Make Proper Payments, Says Director

Attention of employers of North Carolina is called to several important phases in the Unemployment Compensation Law administration at the beginning of the New Year by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the commission, as follows:

Unless the full amount of the 1.8 percent of 1937 payrolls of covered employers is paid to the State commission during this month, January, the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue will assess and collect the full two percent levied by the Federal Government, and not just the two-tenths of one percent. The State commission is required by the State law to collect the 1.8 percent, which means that if covered employers fail to pay the State commission in January, they cannot get credit for the State payment and will thus have to pay 3.8 percent, instead of two percent for 1937.

The rate of contributions for 1938 and thereafter is three percent, as levied by the Federal Government, of which the State commission collects 2.7 percent monthly and the Bureau of Internal Revenue collects three-tenths of one percent after the end of this year. The rate was 9 percent in 1936 and 1.8 percent in 1937.

Quarterly wage reports, of the wages earned by workers during the last quarter of 1937, are due in January. Any employers who have not made reports for earlier quarters in 1937, should do so at once, as the State law is very specific in levying a fine and imposing a sentence for failure to make the required reports at the time designated. The commission has been as lenient as possible, but will have to enforce the law on delinquent employers, in order to make the proper payments to eligible unemployed workers, Director L. W. Price of the Unemployment Compensation Division advises.

Well Known Boy Is Grid Leader

Al Burris, Nephew Of Mrs. W. G. Butler And Mrs. Bessie Watson, Will Captain Maryville College Football Team

Al Burris, a regular summer visitor to Southport and nephew of Mrs. W. G. Butler and Mrs. Bessie Watson, recently was elected captain of next year's football team at Maryville College.

Young Burris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Burris, of Lakeland, Fla., but goes to college at Maryville, in Tennessee.

For the past two years he has been regular quarterback on his college football team, and through his brilliant work as signal caller this fall earned the right to lead his team next year.

Young Burris also is a good baseball player.

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.

TIDE TABLE	
High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 23	
12:36 a. m.	6:36 a. m.
1:45 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
Friday, December 24	
1:31 a. m.	7:44 a. m.
1:45 p. m.	8:10 p. m.
Saturday, December 25	
2:25 a. m.	8:48 a. m.
2:41 p. m.	9:08 p. m.
Sunday, December 26	
3:29 a. m.	9:47 a. m.
3:41 p. m.	10:02 p. m.
Monday, December 27	
4:17 a. m.	10:40 a. m.
4:43 p. m.	10:58 p. m.
Tuesday, December 28	
4:42 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
5:19 p. m.	11:38 p. m.
Wednesday, December 29	
5:40 a. m.	12:15 p. m.
6:36 p. m.	12:15 p. m.