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Lawyer Is Sworn By Cranmer Monday Morning

Southport Jurist
Swears In His Successor
Superior Court Bench
Wilmington Monday

CLAIR WILL
SUCCEED BURNEY

District Prosecuting
Lawyer Also Took Oath
Office Before Judge
Cranmer, Who Was
Paid Tribute

Swearing in ceremony of
office was admin-
istered Monday to David Sinclair,
district solicitor, and John
Burney, new judge of the dis-
trict, by Judge E. H. Cranmer,
Southport, retiring jurist of
the eighth judicial district.

The ceremonies were held in
the courtroom after an
assembly of the crowd gathered in
the office of T. A. Henderson,
clerk of court, New Hanover,
for the removal of the pro-
cesses to the larger room.

Both took the oath exactly
to day after he announced
his candidacy for the posi-

tion. Cranmer began the pro-
cedure with a remark that he
in his hand two "very im-
portant documents" which he was
going to have in his possession
for the commissions for the solic-
itor and the judge.

It is a peculiar pleasure for
him to administer these oaths,"
he said, pointing out that the
solicitor and judge are "both
friends whom I have known
many years and I am satis-
fied they will discharge the duties
of their respective offices with
fidelity and will make en-
viable records for themselves. They
both have real responsibilities and I
am convinced that each will dis-
charge his duties with fidelity,
honesty and faithfulness. I am
glad to call each of them my
friend."

He administered the oath to
the district solicitor, and then
stepped to the judge's bench to
congratulate the mother
of the youthful jurist.

"I am not afraid to take a noble
man occasionally," he counseled
the new prosecuting officer.

"I congratulate you. I think
you will make an admirable
record," he told Mrs. Sinclair.
He then administered the oath
to Burney and congratulated Mrs.
Burney.

After administering the oaths
Judge Cranmer spoke briefly, tell-
ing those gathered in the court-
room they had just seen "demo-
cracy in action."

"No dictator in Raleigh select-
ing the men for their positions",
he said. (Continued on page 4)

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Speaker

Coming from behind in a
dramatic finish D. L. (Libby)
Ward of Craven nosed out
Victor S. Bryant of Durham
in the third ballot Tuesday
night to win the Democratic
nomination for speaker of the
1939 House of Representatives.
The final vote was Ward 54;
Bryant 52. Ward was nomi-
nated at a caucus of House
Democrats after William E.
Fenner of Nash, who ran last
on the first two ballots, with-
drew in his favor. Over on the
other side without an oppos-
ing vote, Democratic state
senators nominated W. Erskine
Smith of Stanly county as their
president pro-tem of the
1939 General Assembly, which
opens at noon today.

Duke Loses

Southern California's mighty
Trojans, riding to the peak of
the comeback trail with a 61-
yard touchdown drive in the
last minute of play, defeated
Duke University's big blue
eleven, 7-3, before 91,000 spec-
tators Monday. Wrecking
Duke's proud boast of never a
point, never a tie and never a
point surrendered in the games
of the 1938 schedule, the war-
riors of Troy, celebrating their
return to the Rose bowl after
an absence of six years, travel-
ing through the air to victory
about 45 seconds before the
end of the game. (Continued on page 4)

Swears In His Successor



COURT OFFICERS—Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport administered the oath of office, Monday morning to his successor, John J. Burney. David Sinclair, right, was sworn in as the new district solicitor. Judge Cranmer is now an emergency judge.



New Year Receives Noisy Reception In Southport

One Minor Casualty Re-
sults When Dallas Pig-
gott Is Burned By Ex-
ploding Firecracker

STOLEN AUTOMOBILE
BURNED SATURDAY

Otherwise Only Noise Of
Fireworks and Bell-Ring-
ing Marked Passing
Of 1938

A noisy New Year was ushered
in with a boisterous celebration
staged by members of Southport's
younger set Saturday night and
early Sunday morning.

Firecrackers, t. n. t. and dynamite
blasted and pounded away
the last remnants of 1938 and
clanging bells and blaring horns
heralded the arrival of 1939.

One minor incident put a tem-
porary damper on the spirits of
the younger set when Dallas Pig-
gott sustained burns as a fire-
cracker exploded in his hands.

His injury was not serious, but
as a precaution he took the anti-
tetanus treatment, which is some-
thing of an ordeal in its own
right.

Another incident that contrib-
uted to the New Year's eve ex-
citement was the report that
Daughtrige Willett's automobile
had been stolen while he attend-
ed the first show at the Amuzi
theatre and the subsequent dis-
covery of the machine several
miles from town on the Supply
road almost destroyed by flames.

Boy Earns Pin Money From Traps

Foxes may be smart but Ros-
coe Rogers, has outsmarted more
than two dozen of them this
winter. He did it without missing
school.

It seems that pocket money
was scarce. Foxes were plentiful
around the Rogers home, two
miles from town. A friend of
Roscoe, told him he would give
him a dollar for each fox pelt
he brought in.

To date, aided by his ingenu-
ously constructed and placed
traps, Roscoe has collected \$26.00
for the same number of fox
hides. His parents think he has
done pretty well.

Dancers So Busy Listening That They Forgot To Dance

Music hath charm to
soothe the savage breast, but
not until last Friday night
did local people discover
that music also hath power
to still the dancing feet.

The band engaged to fur-
nish the melody for South-
port's climatic yuletide so-
cial occasion was an organiza-
tion with headquarters in
Wilmington. The claim of the
agent who made the neces-
sary negotiations was modest
enough—or so 'twas thought.
Southport people, are as
a rule, inclined to be very
reasonable and easy going.
They like to dance and they
prefer good music, but in the
absence of the good they'll
usually make the best of a bad
situation. They were patient
as the boy with the stick
and the long hair browbeat
him through the maze of
discord that was finally iden-
tified as the remnants of

Superior Court Convenes Monday

The January term of
Brunswick county Superior
court for the trial of civil
cases will convene here Mon-
day with Judge W. C. Harris,
of Raleigh, presiding.

In looking over the court
calendar prepared for the
term it appears that no cases
of unusual public interest will
come up for trial, but several
legal matters that have been
pending for some time are
scheduled for settlement dur-
ing next week's session.

College Students Back To School

Students Return To Their
Respective Institutions
Following Christmas Sea-
son Spent At Their
Homes

Their holiday season spent,
Southport girls and boys turned
their backs on the joys of the
Yuletide and returned to their
respective schools and colleges
during the week-end.

Miss Louise Niernsee has re-
turned to Peace College, Raleigh;
Miss Dickie Cannon has return-
ed to Charleston College, Char-
leston, S. C.; Miss Evelyn Autry
has returned to Campbell Col-
lege; Miss Anna Taylor has re-
turned to East Carolina Teachers
College, Greenville, but Miss Bob-
bie Davis, who attended that
school during the fall, has accept-
ed a teaching position in Bladen-
boro; Miss Jane Shannon has re-
turned to West Palm Beach Jun-
ior College and Miss Anna Cath-
arine Garrett to Mars Hill.

Malcolm Frink has returned to
Oak Ridge Institute; Lawrence
Willing, David Watson and Eddie
Jelks are back at Louisburg; Joe
Ruark and Dan Wells have re-
turned to N. C. State, Raleigh;
Dan Clemmons and Harvey
Brown have returned to Wake
Forest College; Robert C. Mc-
Keithan and Victor Cox, Jr. have
returned to Edwards Memorial
Institute, Salemburg; Edward
Taylor has returned to Davidson.

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was enjoyed by the members
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ald Angels Sing," and "There's a
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The house was beautiful with a
lovely decorated Christmas tree.
Red candles were in the candelab-
rum, and holly and fern on the
mantle.

Last Month Was Fairly Normal

Low Temperature Reading
For Month Was Registered
On Last Wednesday;
High Mark Was 68- De-
grees

December was a normal winter
month for this locality as the low
reading was only 28-degrees and
the high temperature mark regis-
tered was 68-degrees.

The minimum mark was set
last Wednesday, December 28,
while it was on December 4 that
the mercury climbed to the 68-
degree point.

There were 3.36 inches of rain-
fall during the period, with 18
clear days, 8 cloudy days, 4 par-
tly cloudy days and 1 hazy day.
Prevailing wind was from the
northeast.

Jackson Day Dinner Plans

R. I. Mintz, Chairman Of
Democratic Executive
Committee, Will Head
This Work In Brunswick
County

The appointment of R. I.
Mintz as Chairman of the annual
Jackson Day Dinner Committee
in Brunswick county has been
announced by State Senator John
D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones County.
State Chairman of the Jackson
Day Committee planning for the
annual Jackson Day Dinner to be
held in Raleigh on the night of
January 7th at eight o'clock at
the Sir Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic chairman
in Brunswick county, Mr. Mintz
has been very helpful in the past
and we are counting on him and
other good Democrats in the
county to help us raise our part
to help out the deficit incurred
by the National Democratic Ex-
ecutive Committee in the recent
campaign," said Chairman Lark-
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rum, and holly and fern on the
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Gifts were passed to everyone
by Mrs. Leonard Skipper as Mrs.
Walker played the piano. When
the music stopped, the person
holding the gift, kept it for her-
self.

A lovely gift was presented
Mrs. Marion S. Dasher by Mrs.
Walker, club president. She com-
plimented Mrs. Dasher on her
help, cooperation, and interest in
the club during the past year.

County Court In First Regular Monday Session

Thirteen Cases Disposed Of
Here On Monday Before
Judge W. M. Stanaland
In First Session Since
Change Of Days

ALL DAY REQUIRED
TO SETTLE CASES

Ten Other Matters Were
Disposed Of Last Wed-
nesday To Bring The
Court Docket Into
Better Shape

In the first of the Monday
sessions of Brunswick county Re-
corder's court thirteen cases were
disposed of before Judge W. M.
Stanaland this week in a ses-
sion that lasted until after dark.

The case against Rothie Hick-
man, white, for using profane
language was not pressed.

The case against George Mc-
Dowell, white, for disturbing re-
ligious worship also was not pressed.

Similar action was taken in the
case in which Lindsey Lewis,
white, faced the same charge.

C. H. Powell, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of reckless oper-
ation. He was taxed with a fine
of \$25.00 and costs.

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Two Brunswick Representatives Off To Raleigh

On Eve Of Departure S.
Bun Frink Said His
First Bill Would Be For
The Establishment Of
Nautical School

SILENT ABOUT
OTHER PLANS

Frink And Thomas Left
Tuesday Morning For
State Capitol To As-
sume Active Duties

S. Bun Frink and Cornelius
Thomas left Tuesday morning for
Raleigh where they will repre-
sent Brunswick county at the
coming session of the North Car-
olina General Assembly.

Frink, who is a veteran mem-
ber of the State Senate, said
on the eve of his departure that
his first bill would be one to
provide a nautical school for
North Carolina, with the provi-
sion that it be established at
Southport. This is a question that
has been spoken of frequently in
this newspaper.

Frink said that he had no defi-
nite plans regarding any other im-
portant legislation.

Thomas was not contacted be-
fore he left for Raleigh. This is
his first term as legislator and
(Continued on page four)

Treaty Will Be Disussed At Motor Boat Meeting

Not-So-Crafty
Fox Is Killed

Foxes are famed for being
just about the craftiest mem-
bers of the animal kingdom,
but this reputation appar-
ently was built up before the
age of automobiles.

At any rate a handsome
Sir Reynard made the mis-
take Monday night of con-
testing the right-of-way
across the Lockwoods Folly
bridge at Supply with the
automobile driven by Judge
W. M. Stanaland. His pelt is
now in the hands of the taxider-
mist to be preserved as a
lasting monument to his
foolhardiness.

Students Hold Worship Service

College Boys And Girls In
Charge Of Wednesday
Night Prayer Meeting
Period At Baptist Church

College boys and girls at home
for the Christmas holidays were
in charge of the regular Wednes-
day night services at the South-
port Baptist church last week.
The services were comprised of
talks on the Baptist student work
on the campuses of the various
colleges, and special music.

Following the devotional period
of song and prayer Dan Clem-
mons lead in scripture reading.
Susie Sellers, Lucy Anderson and
Evelyn Autry made talks and
then followed a vocal solo by
D. I. Watson. Harvey Brown
made a talk on "Campus Experi-
ences" and Rev. A. L. Brown
concluded the program with a
few remarks as to how the local
church can help its college stu-
dents.

Baptists Have Special Service

Impressive Candle-Lighting
Ceremony Held At Even-
ing Service On Sunday
With Large Congregation

An impressive candle-lighting
ceremony marked the special
New Year's program presented
Sunday night at the Southport
Baptist church.

The church was lighted by a
glowing cross in the pulpit as
twelve young candle-bearers came
in with short, burning tapers.
After an appropriate poem had
been read by the pastor these
candles were snuffed out, sym-
bolizing the old year.

There followed two young peo-
ple bearing a tall, burning light
and a Bible, these symbolic of
the True light that should guide
the world. The new candles borne
by twelve other young people
were lighted from this candle,
showing the effect that the
twelve months of the New Year
should have. (Continued on page 4)

To Raleigh



S. Bun Frink, above, and Cor-
nelius Thomas, below, left Tues-
day for Raleigh to represent
Brunswick county at the com-
ing session of the North Car-
olina General Assembly. Frink is
a veteran member of the State
Senate, while Thomas is begin-
ning his first term as member
of the lower house of the State
Legislature.

Masonic Officers Installed Friday

Public Meeting Held For
Installation Of Recently
Elected Officials Of Py-
thagoras Lodge

At a public meeting of Pytha-
goras Lodge Friday night newly
elected officers were installed. A
number of ladies were present
and refreshments were served.

R. L. Thompson was installed
as worshipful master; R. F. Plax-
co as senior warden; James
Smith as junior warden; C. N.
Phillips as secretary; J. Berg as
treasurer; R. O. Johnson as tyler;
B. J. Holden as senior deacon;
R. T. Woodside as junior deacon;
R. C. St. George and J. D. Sut-
ton as stewards.

Negro Man Drops Dead On Friday

H. K. Walker, Leland negro,
died suddenly at his home in Le-
land Friday. Called to investigate
this sudden passing, Coroner
John G. Caison declared that
death was due to natural causes,
probably to heart trouble.

Hunting Wild Hogs Another Sport For This Section

Donnie Watts and Alfred
Newton enjoyed a dull
after-Christmas week for
themselves by making a
couple of wild-hog hunting trips
over to Bald Head island.

They brought in four good-
sized hogs and a number of
coons.

Some ten or twelve years
ago a resident on Bald Head
island had a large number
of hogs running at large in
the woods, feeding on acorns
and the succulent roots of
undergrowth. They became
so wild that the owner decid-
ed it was better business to
keep a pig in a pen and
feed it than to go to all of
the trouble of catching or
shooting one of the savage
beasts.

So he had a sort of round-
up and trapped or shot all he
could before moving away
from the island.

Plenty of stock was left
and progeny has apparently
been numerous. Bald Head
island, especially that por-

Election Reform Recommended To New Legislature

In Report That Dodges No
Issue Nor Calls For Any
Compromise State Board
Of Elections Ask Chang-
es

WOULD REPEAL THE
ABSENTEE BALLOT

Members Also Recommend
Complete, New Registra-
tion In Order To Bring
Books Up-To-Date

In a report which dodges no
issues and compromises no prin-
ciples the State Board of Elec-
tions recommends to the Gov-
ernor and the General Assembly:
(1) the subdivision of large vot-
ing precincts with not more than
five hundred voters; (2) a new
statewide registration of voters
to eliminate tens of thousands of
names of dead persons, non-resi-
dents and disqualified felons from
the registration books; (3) the
abolition of markers and the pro-
vision of assistants only to the
occasional voter who is illiterate,
blind, paralytic, or laboring under
other physical disqualification
which prevents him from mark-
ing his own ballot; (4) repeal of
the absentee ballot law and pro-
vision of a safeguarded method
for legitimate use of absentee
voting.

The Board recommends the
"subdivision of those precincts in
which more than five hundred
persons voted in the election of
1936, into such precincts that
not more than five hundred per-
sons will vote in any precinct",
in order (1) to relieve conges-
tion at the polls, (2) to promote
the orderly conduct of elections,
(3) to lessen the opportunity for
irregularities and frauds, (4) to
remove unnecessary hardships on
election officials in counting bal-
lots with the consequent delays
in election returns.

In many counties the registra-
tion books are scarcely more than
lists of names, "without informa-
tion as to age, residence, place
of birth, party affiliation and
date of registration, as required
by registration laws. They con-
tain names of hundreds of thou-
sands of dead persons, non-resi-
dents, and disqualified felons."

"To remedy this condition,"
says the Board, "we recommend
(1) a new statewide registra-
tion; (2) that this statewide re-
gistration be made without access
or reference to present registra-
tion books; (3) that any duly
qualified voter who may be ab-
sent from his precinct during the
registration period, may, by mak-
ing proper affidavit by mail, if
it can be done consistent with the
constitution."

"There is need," says the re-
port, "for the assistance to the
occasional illiterate, to voters
who are blind, paralytic, or labor-
ing under other physical handi-
cap which prevents them from
marking their ballots; but there
is no need are issued up to and
on election day; (4) there is no
sufficient check on the ballots
issued and no sufficient report
is required by the persons issu-
ing same."

"From its experience over a
number of years, the State Board
of Elections is fully satisfied that
there are many more absentee
ballots used in primaries than in
general elections, and that the
abuse of the absentee ballots is
more widespread and general in
party primaries than in general
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Tide Table

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

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 22	
7:48 a. m.	1:41 a. m.
8:08 p. m.	2:19 p. m.
Friday, December 23	
8:25 a. m.	2:23 a. m.
8:46 p. m.	2:58 p. m.
Saturday, December 24	
9:01 a. m.	3:02 a. m.
9:24 p. m.	3:24 p. m.
Sunday, December 25	
9:38 a. m.	3:37 a. m.
10:05 p. m.	4:08 p. m.
Monday, December 26	
10:17 a. m.	4:11 a. m.
10:47 p. m.	4:41 p. m.
Tuesday, December 27	
10:58 a. m.	4:45 a. m.
11:51 p. m.	5:17 p. m.
Wednesday, December 28	
11:42 a. m.	5:26 a. m.
	5:58 p. m.