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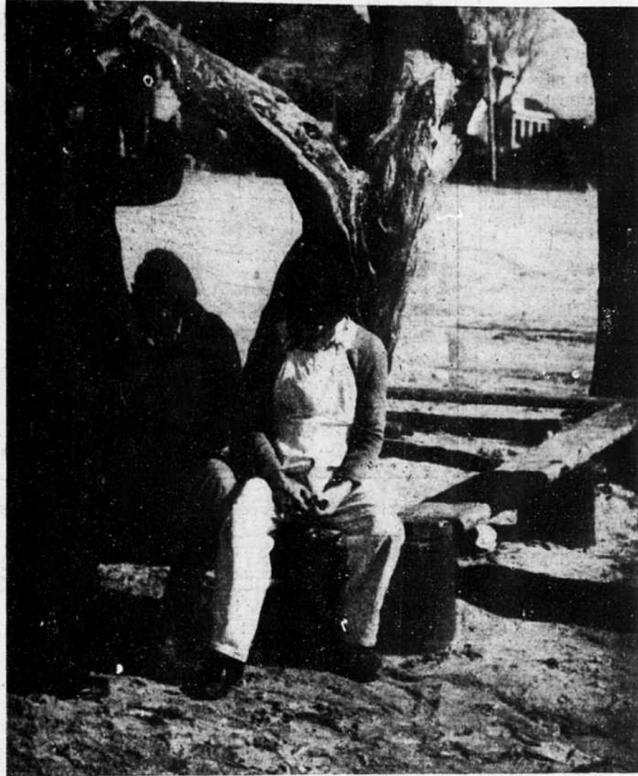
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Whittlers Park Bench



WHITTLIN'—The whittler's bench under the trees down by the waterfront is a favorite gathering place for persons who are not busy, particularly in the summer. Homely philosophy is a by-product of the huge pile of shavings.

Trees Named For Famous Statesmen

There is no more popular place in Southport than the bench at "Whittlers' Park" down on the waterfront and many is the tale that has been spun by weatherbound fishermen, vacationists and just plain loafers beneath the shade of the two poplars and the one gnarled cedar.

There is no way to rightly estimate the huge catches of fish and shrimp that have been made by fishermen who never stirred from their comfortable seat on the bench. Nobody remembers when the cedar was planted, but the two poplars were set out in the nineties by the late Pack Tharpe during the heat of a McKinley-Bryan campaign. Appropriately enough, one of the saplings was christened William McKinley, the other William Jennings Bryan.

Trees Supplied For Reforestry

Farmers Wishing To Reclaim Acres Of Depleted Land May Obtain Seedlings At Nominal Cost

Farmers who wish to reclaim acres of depleted land may obtain forest tree seedlings at a nominal cost through their county farm agents, according to an announcement by R. W. Greaber, forester of the State College Extension Service. These trees are being furnished by the State Forest Nursery, operated by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Longleaf, loblolly and shortleaf pines, black locust, cypress, yellow poplar and red cedar trees are available at a cost of \$2 per thousand at the nursery, or \$2.25 per thousand delivered by parcel post or express. Black walnut seedlings cost \$10 per thousand at the nursery. County agents have order blanks and are prepared to assist farmers in selecting the best species of trees for their particular land.

Greaber reported that to date orders have been placed through his office for 432,667 tree seedlings for 158 Piedmont and Coastal Plain farmers. These include farmers in typical cotton and tobacco counties, where reforestation is most needed following constant cropping.

Twenty-eight farmers in 20 counties are planting 5,000 or more trees each, with the largest order being placed by Adam Lockhart of Anson County, for 36,000 trees. Turner Whitehead, manager (Continued on page 4)

Committee Will Consider Bills For Legislature

Meeting Of Democratic Executive Committee For Brunswick County Will Be Held In Court Room Friday Night

LEGISLATORS TO SOUND SENTIMENT

Sure To Come Up Is Proposal To Extend Term Of Recorder From Two Years To Four Years

A meeting of the Brunswick county Democratic executive committee has been called for Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the courtroom here. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the will of the committee with regard to extending the terms of certain officers and to sound the sentiment with regard to enlarging the board of commissioners from 3 to 5 members beginning with the next term.

Of immediate interest will be a bill already drawn by Senator Frink to extend the term of Walter M. Stanaland, recorder, to January 1, 1942, and to elect the recorder thereafter for a four-year term. Also provided in this proposed bill is a salary limit of not less than \$75.00 per month nor more than \$125.00 per month for the office.

The salary for the Brunswick county recorder now stands at \$100.00 per month. Other proposed legislation likely to be discussed is a proposed bill providing for the appointment and for the salaries of deputies sheriff.

Any other matters that should be taken up by the executive committee probably will come up at this meeting.

Records show Wet Weather For February

The effects of the rainy weather of the past few days is reflected in the monthly report of the local weather bureau, for figures released this week show a total precipitation of 5.72-inches during the month of February. Moreover, there were thunderstorms on February 15 and on February 26.

Minimum temperature for the month was 23-degrees while the maximum reading was 69-degrees. The prevailing wind was from the southwest.

There were 12 clear days, 6 cloudy days and 10 partly cloudy days during the 28-day period.

Englishman Is Planning Visit

Has Become Interested In Orton Plantation And Its Early History And May Make Visit There Sometime Soon

Brunswick county will likely get into the English newspapers shortly, according to a letter received this last week by the Advertising Division of North Carolina. O. E. Hoppe, who has published several books on travel, wrote Bill Sharpe of the Advertising Division for pictures of Orton and other information.

Mr. Hoppe is planning a tour of North Carolina this year with the object of gathering material for another book. Meanwhile, he has recently been attracted by published pictures of Orton and (Continued on page 4)

Talking Crow Frightens Local Man Almost To Death

Already in wrong with the law because of the use of profane language, there is a crow here in Southport that recently had a narrow escape from having a murder charge against him. Hoyle Doshier, the near victim (intended or otherwise), was working on a pipe of the city water main down near the Standard oil dock late one afternoon when he heard an eerie voice crackle, "Hello".

"Hello", said Hoyle, then straightened up to see to whom he was speaking. Nobody was in sight. Hoyle brushed the back of his hand across his eyes and took another look, saw no person anywhere about and (Continued on page 4)

decided it was his ears and not his eyes that had deceived him. "Hello". This time the voice came from the Southport cemetery, which was near by. No answer from Hoyle, for now he was frozen in his tracks. While he was trying to pull himself together for a hasty retreat there came again this wierd greeting. The Southport plumber was just one "hello" removed from being scared to death. Never was the sight of a human more welcome than was old Aunt Carrie as she rounded a bend and came toward Hoyle. In words that were barely audible he told the old colored woman what (Continued on page 4)

Hospital Name To Be Changed Sometime Soon

Legislative Act Legalizing Change From Brunswick County Hospital To J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Passed

CELEBRATION OF CHANGE PLANNED

Plans For This Occasion Will Be Worked Out This Week And Announced Next Week

Word was received from Raleigh Friday that the bill to change the name of the Brunswick County Hospital to the J. Arthur Memorial Hospital had been passed by the house of representatives and had been ratified into law.

Following announcement of this change local citizens began at once to plan a special ceremony for the near future, details of which will be announced in this newspaper next week.

The Brunswick County Hospital was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream for Dr. Doshier, who was a pioneer in medicine and surgery in this section. Having already gained nationwide renown for some of his operations performed under great handicaps, he attained the peak of his service during the years immediately following the erection of the hospital here.

He served as chief-of-staff of this institution until the time of his death.

The move to change the name of the institution was begun several months before his death by members of the board of trustees for the hospital. The bill was introduced several weeks ago by Senator S. Bun Frink.

Freighter Freed By Coast Guard

Freighter, Cumberland Went Aground On Frying Pan Shoals Because Of Heavy Fog; Floated Tuesday

The Canadian freighter Cumberland, which went aground on Frying Pan shoals, southeast of Southport, early yesterday morning, was floated by the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Modoc yesterday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock after a haul of an hour.

Damage to the vessel was slight, officers aboard the Modoc said. Shortly after being freed, the 1,615 ton steamer continued on its voyage to Havana. The vessel was en route to Havana from Norfolk with a cargo of 3,430 tons of coal.

Modoc officers said that the only damage to the ship was clogged pipe lines, which were filled with sand and water when the ship went aground, this preventing use of the ship's engines until she was in deeper water.

The freighter, owned by the Maritime Navigation company, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, was captained by T. W. Bagnell, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. She left Hampton Roads Sunday.

There were no navigation instruments, outside of a compass, aboard the ship, officers of the Modoc said, and due to the heavy fogs and poor visibility, the ship had gone about 20 miles off its course.

The ship grounded on the east side of Frying Pan shoals, about ten miles inside the outer shoal buoy.

Honor Roll For The 5th Month

List Of Students In Southport School Who Have Made Good Record During The Past Month

Following is the honor roll for Southport school for the fifth school month:

First grade: Anne Pleasant Doshier, John Newton, Alletta Glover, Peggy Arnold, Frank Plaxco. Second Grade: Jimmie Cox, Mary Frances Floyd, Richard Brendle. Special primary: William Meadows. Third grade: Betty Jane Galoway, Sue Frederer. Fourth grade: Margaret McGee, Billy Wells, Louise Newton, Dorothy Ward, Kenneth Stiller, Ann McCrackan.

Fifth grade: Sally Ann McNeill, Betty Lee Oliver, Barbara Myers. Sixth grade: Dorothy Cox. (Continued on Page Four)

Raising Flowers At Orton Gives Jobs To Two Score

This Matter Of Raising Daffodils Has Reached Stage Of Big Business At Plantation Up The River

A visit to Orton Plantation Monday afternoon revealed that not only is this the most beautiful place in Brunswick county but also that it is affording more employment at the present time than any other business or organization in this section outside the WPA.

Forty-one persons were employed Monday to gather 4,500 dozen daffodils to be packed in boxes of 50-dozen each and shipped to New York City. Few people in this section knew that this volume of flower business was being engaged in within the county.

It also may be a surprise for some people of this section to learn that the japonica season is just about over at the Brunswick plantation. Cold weather during the past ten days cut short the blooming season.

J. Lawrence Sprunt, the owner, said Monday that with all the recent rains the azaleas soon will be blooming in profusion provided there are a few warm days.

Despite the fact that the height of the tourist season is several days away, an average of 150 visitors per week have been stopping at Orton during the past month.

Wilmington-Southport Men Investigate Park

Season's First Fishing Party

The honor of making the first good catch of salt water fish this spring goes to Captain H. T. Bowmer and a party from Charlotte, consisting of E. R. Brooks, J. L. Helms, Chas. Stroupe, Jr., and Paul D. Timmons. These sportsmen went out late one morning recently and brought in about 150-pounds, arriving back at port by 4 o'clock.

Mr. Timmons, who is a member of the Charlotte Radio Police Patrol, has recently purchased a fishing boat and is stationing it at Southport. He and Charlotte friends expect to make frequent fishing trips here during the summer. Captain Bowmer will look after the boat, in addition to handling his own.

Five Cases In County Court

Numerous Other Actions On Docket Monday Were Continued Until Next Week

Only five cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge Walter M. Stanaland but a number of other actions were postponed for one week.

Willie Hewett, white, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of intoxicating liquor for purpose of sale. His sentence of 4 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of the costs and a fine of \$15.00.

D. C. Smith, white, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of intoxicating liquor for purpose of sale. He, too, was given 4 months, this judgment being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$15.00 and costs.

Frank Ballard and Queen McKay, colored, were found guilty on charges of manufacturing. Judgment was withheld until next week.

Luther, alias Son, Porter, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of sale. His sentence of 8 months on the roads (Continued on page 4)

Committee From Wilmington Headed By W. D. McKaig Met On Friday Night With Group Of Southport Citizens

HIGHWAY WOULD CROSS RIVER

By Means Of Ferry The Proposed Area For A National Park Would Be Connected To Southport

A delegation of representative Wilmington citizens met Friday night with a group of Southport men at the office of C. Ed Taylor to discuss the matter of developing a National Park on property about Ft. Fisher and extending southward into Brunswick county.

W. D. McKaig, spokesman for the group which also included Wilbur Doshier, Bruce Cameron and C. B. Farmerie, presented the plan as thought out by the Wilmington people. This included the reconstruction of Ft. Fisher, the construction of a road across Corneack Inlet down to Bald Head Island, thence by causeway to Battery island. Completion of the route contemplates the use of a ferry from Southport to the small island across the river.

The matter on interesting landowners concerned in this project was discussed frankly and it (Continued on page 4)

Showboat Lady Dies Suddenly

Sister Of Owner Of Famous Floating Theatre Died Thursday Afternoon Following Heart Attack

Mrs. H. C. Merritt of Tucka-hoe, N. Y. (died Thursday afternoon aboard the Floating Theatre a few hours after she had docked at Southport.

The deceased, who was 50-years-of-age, was stricken with a heart ailment and died immediately. Coronor John G. Caison was called, but after viewing the body decided that death resulted from natural causes.

Mrs. Merritt was a sister of Mrs. Nina Howard, owner of the showboat, and was spending some time traveling about with her at the time of her death.

The remains were shipped to New York state for burial.

Comstock May Be Stationed Here For Several Months

The U. S. Engineers Dredge Comstock with her home base at Southport for the maintenance of the Cape Fear bar, is apparently due for the longest stay at home within the past fifteen years.

Working now at Charleston, the Comstock is understood to be scheduled to return here this week and begin work on the bar and various channel operations. There are few points on the river above Southport where the Comstock a dump dredge, can operate. Her activities will be centered almost exclusively on the bar and through the harbor to points two or three miles above town.

Unlike the Henry Bacon, which is a pipe line dredge, the Comstock pumps mud into its own great holds. When she is loaded down she moves out into the ocean or into some unimportant bay. There her bottom drops out with its cargo and she steams away (Continued on page 4)

for another load of mud and sand. For the past two decades there has been little need for her here for longer than a month or so each year. She has filled in the extra time with maintenance work that called her all of the way from Southport to Jacksonville, Fla., and back to as far north as New Jersey. It is estimated that the present work at home will require her remaining here several months.

The long stay at home will be a welcome change for both the members of the crew and their wives. The frequent transfers of the vessel has been forcing the wives to flit about from port to port in order to be with the husbands. They seldom remained anywhere longer than two months and are naturally looking forward to the opportunity of settling down for a good long time.

Better Roads Group Meeting Held on Monday

Pushing Plans To Gain Improvements In Secondary Roads In Upper Part Of Brunswick County

CAPTAIN BURNETT ATTENDS MEETING

Group Sends Letter To Board Of Commissioners Inviting Attendance At Meeting

Plans for the development of roads in the northern section of Brunswick county were discussed at a meeting at Leland Monday night of the Upper Brunswick County Good Roads association.

Approximately 125 attended the session, which was presided over by George Foulk, Jr., chairman.

Capt. Dick Burnett, road supervisor for this section, was the principal speaker at the meeting. He endorsed the move of the group and expressed the hope that better roads could be obtained through the united efforts of the citizens of this section.

The committee on resolutions was authorized to map the plans for the road improvements for presentation to the board of county commissioners at an early date. The requests will then be given to the state highway commission within the next few weeks.

The association will hold its next meeting at Bolivia on March 8, at 7:30 p. m.

Members of the board of county commissioners had been invited to attend this meeting. In a communication from the good roads group to the commissioners last week their secretary also desired to know if there was any plan being contemplated for moving the road camp further west from the center of Brunswick county, stating that a report had been heard that a movement was on foot to move the present camp at Supply to a point beyond Shal-lotte.

Dramatics Club Enters Contest

Southport High School Will Again Be Represented In State-Wide Dramatic Contest

The Scarlet Masque Dramatic Club of Southport high school has again entered the state-wide dramatic contest. This year the high schools are presenting comedies while the colleges and universities are presenting tragedies. The contest will be held in the Whiteville school auditorium at Whiteville. There will be five plays given this year, because Shal-lotte high school has entered the contest.

The schools participating and the plays they will present are as follows:

Southport high school presents, "Sweet and Twenty"; Shal-lotte high school presents, "The Younger Generation"; Whiteville high school presents, "Companion Mite Maggie"; Tabor City high school presents, "Ever Snitch"; Bladenboro high school presents, "Coffee Mourns".

The plays will be presented on March 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

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, March 2	
4:27 a. m.	10:59 a. m.
5:06 p. m.	11:10 p. m.
FRIDAY, March 3	
5:29 a. m.	11:54 a. m.
6:01 p. m.	
SATURDAY, March 4	
6:21 a. m.	6:08 a. m.
6:51 p. m.	12:47 p. m.
SUNDAY, March 5	
7:11 a. m.	1:03 a. m.
7:37 p. m.	1:36 p. m.
MONDAY, March 6	
7:56 a. m.	1:55 a. m.
8:23 p. m.	2:23 p. m.
TUESDAY, March 7	
8:43 a. m.	2:42 a. m.
9:09 p. m.	3:08 p. m.
WEDNESDAY, March 8	
9:30 a. m.	3:30 a. m.
9:56 p. m.	3:50 p. m.