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Basketball Tournament To Get Underway Tomorrow In Bolivia High School Gym

Round Game In
The Girls And Boys
Division Will Be Run Off
Opening Night

FINALS PLAY
BEGINS FRIDAY

This Year Re-
quires Necessity Of Play-
ing Two Games On
Day Of Final Round

The annual Brunswick county
basketball tournament begins tomor-
row night when the Waccamaw
and the Bolivia lasses and
Southport boys face Leland in
the first round.

Beginning this year's tourna-
ment on Thursday the old cus-
tom of having two games for one
of the finalists on the last day
of the tournament has been eli-

minated. The winner of the girls game
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TO REMAIN ISLAND



Frank Sherrill States His Position On Park Matter

In Letter To Senator From
His County He Says That
He Has Plan For Private
Development Of His
Holding

PARK COMMITTEE
HAS NOT SEEN HIM

This Was The Purpose For
Which Committee Of
Southport And Wilming-
ton Men Was Ap-
pointed

There is no doubt about the
attitude of Frank O. Sherrill, S.
and W. Cafeteria man, in the
matter of the proposition to make
a National Park out of Bald
Head Island which he owns fol-
lowing a letter and copies of let-
ters mailed the legislature in
Raleigh received by W. B. Keziah
Tuesday.

Mr. Sherrill is definitely oppos-
ed to the National Park proposi-
tion, insofar as the use of his
lands are concerned. In his letter
to Senator James B. Volger of
Mecklenburg county he said:

"I own Smiths Island, (Bald
Head) and have plans for de-
veloping it into one of the finest
tourist and recreational centers in
North Carolina. If private inter-
ests are anxious to develop a
property, I see no reason why
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Sports Writers To Visit Here

Pittsburgh And Baltimore
Men Will Be Here On
Fishing Trip Next Week
According To Letter

Southport is to have a visit
from big shots in the sport news
world this next week, according
to a letter received yesterday
from Johnny Mock, Editor of All
Outdoors on the Pittsburgh
Press.

Johnny first contacted the
Southport Civic Club relative to
this visit several weeks ago. The
tentative arrangements show
quite a representative party to
come.

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Keziah Succeeds In Having Orton Credited To County

People are at last making the
discovery that Orton Plantation
is in Brunswick county. Many
beautiful pictures of the famous
old plantation, now appearing in
the big metropolitan newspapers,
are giving due and proper credit
to the correct location.

Last week, however, Carl
Goerch in The State Magazine
asked his readers what famous
old plantation was across the river
from Wilmington. He answered
his own inquiry by saying
"Orton".

Orton is across the river from
Wilmington, but 12 miles below.
The confines of the plantation be-
gin less than eight miles from
Southport, county seat of Bruns-

wick county.

For many years newspapers
have been linking all reference
to Orton with Wilmington. So
much that in some quarters the
impression actually exists that the
location is in New Hanover county.

No longer ago than two years
booklets that were printed by
the state described Orton as be-
ing in New Hanover county. Last

Ruark Resumes Law Practice

The office of Claims De-
puty at Wilmington, for the
North Carolina Unemployment
Compensation Commission was
discontinued on March
1st, and J. W. Ruark, who
has been in charge of this
office, will resume the prac-
tice of law at Southport. The
Wilmington district served
nine coastal counties.

In the future Wilmington
and adjacent territory will be
served by the claims deputy
at Fayetteville and New Bern
and adjacent counties will be
served by the claims deputy
at Rocky Mount. The closing
of the Wilmington District of-
fice was made necessary by
cuts in the budget made by
the Federal Social Security
Board, which board furnishes
all of the administrative ex-
penses of the Unemployment
Compensation Commissions
throughout the states.

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sponsor the local Boy Scout troop,
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tee from the club comprised of
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Judge Cranmer Civitan Speaker

Civilians Voted On Friday
Night To Sponsor Boy
Scout Troop; Sign
Committee Given Permit To
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of the death of Mrs. Dolly Pot-
ter on Sunday morning, Feb. 26,
at the home of her step-son and
wife, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Potter.
Mrs. Potter had been confined to
her bed for two weeks.

She was nearly eighty years old
and a devoted member of Farm-
ers Chapel Baptist church.

Funeral services were conduct-
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by Rev. W. C. Westcott of White-
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her pastor.

Despite the rain coming down
in a down pour many friends,
neighbors, and relatives witness-
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in the family burying ground near
her home.

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beautiful and stood as an emblem
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Awaiting Charter For Organization Of Power Users

Brunswick Electric Mem-
bership Corporation Will
Have Main Office At
Shallotte

MAP OF PROJECT
IS NEXT STEP

E. D. Bishop, Project Co-
ordinator, Urges Co-op-
eration In Securing
Easements For The
Right-Of-Way

Incorporation papers for the
Brunswick Electric Membership
Corporation with the main office
at Shallotte are now before the
secretary of state and as soon as
the charter has been issued and
registered in Brunswick and Col-
umbus counties actual work on
the project will get underway.

Within a few days a map en-
gineer is expected to be in this
territory for the purpose of map-
ping out the project. When this
is done each prospective user will
receive a number. Right-of-way
easement must be secured before
final approval from Washington
can be had for the loan. E. D.
Bishop, project coordinator, urges
all signed users to do all in their
power to speed up the matter of
securing easements.

The route to be followed in
Brunswick county by the power
line has been tentatively set as
follows: Joining with the Tide-
water Power Co. line at Wilming-
ton and running down U. S. high-
way 17 to Hickman Crossroads.
At Bolivia a spur will run down
the Will Smith road for about 5
miles; at Winnabow a spur of
about three and one-half miles
will run down the middle road
toward Southport and from Mill
Creek on to Bolivia; At Supply
there is to be another spur into
the Boones Neck community; near
Shallotte will be spurs to Shal-
lotte Village and to Gause Land-
ing; from Hickman Crossroads
the line will run to Ash via the
old Whiteville road, with a spur
to Longwood and Russtown; from
Ash the line will run to the Wac-
camaw school, from there to King-
ston to Exum; another spur from
Ash will run down highway 130
about 5 miles toward Shallotte.

Other communities not included
could receive consideration now
through immediate, cooperative
action.

Here's Light On Inland Fishing

Some Question In Minds Of
Brunswick Fishermen Re-
garding Manner Of Tak-
ing Fish Lawfully

Brunswick County fishermen
have had some difficulty learn-
ing just what laws govern their
activity in inland streams. Fol-
lowing is a copy of the amended
rule 2 of the fish laws:

"Manner of Taking Fish in In-
land Waters": It shall be unlaw-
ful for any person or persons,
firm or corporation to set or at-
tempt to set or place fish traps,
fish slides, or fish baskets, or to
take or kill or to attempt to
take or kill fish in any of the
inland waters of North Carolina
designated as "Inland Fishing
Waters" by any means or meth-
ods whatsoever, except with hook
and line, rod and reel or by cast-
ing: Provided that shad and her-
ring may be taken with skrim
or gill nets of not less size bar
than one and one-half inches, on
Friday and Saturday of each
week, from January 1 to April
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Writing the Southport Civic
Club secretary, W. B. Keziah, who
objected to his placing Orton
where Navassa is, Mr. Goerch
said: "All right; all right; all
right. The next we mention Orton
we will be sure to say that it
is near Southport instead of Wil-

lington. I don't know of an-
other town in the state where
the people are so zealous in look-
ing after the interests of their
town as they are down in South-
port and I believe you are large-
ly responsible for this. You can
rest assured that we never inten-
tionally discriminate against your
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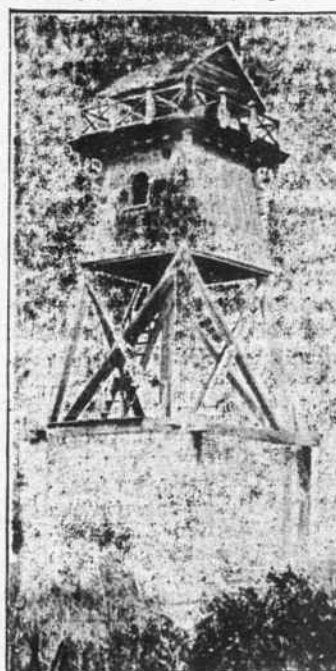
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DESERTED



A nation-wide news ser-
vice this week released an
illustrated story about the
above lighthouse on Fort
Caswell that is still stand-
ing long after its usefulness
has ended.

Busy Day Monday In County Court

Large Docket Cleared Be-
fore Judge Walter M.
Stanaland At Regular
Weekly Session Of Re-
corder's Court

It took all day Monday to dis-
pose of a crowded Recorder's
court docket and sentences of
varying severity were meted out
by Judge Walter M. Stanaland
to those who were convicted.

Herbert Robinson, white, was
found not guilty of assault.

Homer Martin, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of reckless op-
eration and of driving without a
drivers license. He was taxed with
a fine of \$25.00 and the costs.

Bruce Soles, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of being drunk
and disorderly and was required
to pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

Randall Parker, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of operating a
motor vehicle while under the in-
fluence of liquor. His sentence of
6 months on the roads was sus-
pended upon payment of \$50.00
fine and the costs, his drivers
license to be revoked for 12
months.

Marry Sparrow, colored, was
found not guilty of trespass and
assault.

Henderson Johnson, colored, was
found not guilty of reckless op-
eration but pleaded guilty to
charges of not having his drivers
license. He was required to pay
the costs.

Watson Johnson, colored, plead-
ed guilty to charges of posses-
sion of intoxicating liquor for
the purpose of sale. His sentence
of 6 months on the roads was
suspended upon payment of \$100
and costs.

David Floyd, colored, pleaded
guilty to charges of larceny and
was taxed with a fine of \$10.00
and costs.

Neil Floyd, colored, was found
not guilty on a similar count.

J. K. Sutton, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of being drunk
on the highway. His sentence of
90 days on the roads was sus-
pended upon payment of \$15.00
and costs.

J. E. Stone, white, was found
guilty of being drunk and for
assault. His fine was set at \$25.00
and he was taxed with the costs.
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Longwood Boy Joins Marines

Malcolm Beck, son of Mr.
Religh W. Beck of Longwood,
was among the young men accept-
ed for service in the U. S. Marine
Corps last week and was trans-
ferred to the marine barracks at
Parris Island, S. C., for training
prior to assignment to some ser-
vice school, ship or marine bar-
racks for duty, according to Cap-
tain A. C. Small, district Recruit-
ing officer at Savannah, Ga.

Young Beck formerly attended
the Waccamaw high school and
intends to continue his studies
while in the Marines through the
medium of the Marine Corps In-
stitute which maintains courses in
most of the arts, trades and
sciences and is free of all cost
to members of the Marine Corps.

Entrance examinations for ser-
vice in the Marines are now being
held at the Marine Corps Recruit-
ing Station, post office building,
Savannah, Ga., full information
and application blanks will be
forwarded upon request.

County Board In All - Day Session Here On Monday

Road Matters And Tax Ad-
justments Took Up The
Greater Part Of Day For
Members Of Board Of
Commissioners

WILL MEET AGAIN
HERE ON FRIDAY

Several Delegations Ap-
peared Before The Com-
missioners And They
Were In Session Un-
til 8 O'clock

Members of the board of coun-
ty commissioners met Monday in
a session which lasted until 8
o'clock. Unable to dispose of all
business matters, another meeting
has been called for Friday.

Road petitions took up a good
part of their attention while the
balance of the day was devoted
to hearing tax matters.

Hoover Sellers asked the board
to improve the road from Mt.
Pisgah Church to Doe Creek
bridge, and the clerk was re-
quested to recommend this im-
provement to the state highway
commission.

W. W. Hewett appeared before
the body in the interest of a road
in Shallotte township and the
clerk was instructed to ask the
highway commission to make an
investigation.

Two extensions westward from
the Caswell beach road were re-
quested and these, too, will be re-
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Frink Introduces Measure Extending The Term For For Judge Recorder Court



W. M. STANALAND

Inspector To Be On Duty Here

A state highway drivers license
inspector will be on duty each
Monday afternoon until further
notice at the office of the Bruns-
wick county clerk of court from
2 o'clock until 5 o'clock.

Any problems affecting drivers
licenses should be taken up with
him during these visits here.

Senator S. Bun Frink introduc-
ed in the state senate Tuesday
a bill to extend the term of Bruns-
wick county Recorder for four
years instead of two years. This
bill, if enacted into law, will keep
Judge Walter M. Stanaland in
office until January 1, 1942, and
will make subsequent elections
for a 4-year term.

Senator Frink said Sunday that
he planned to introduce the mea-
sure this week despite unfavor-
able action taken by the Demo-
cratic executive committee on this
question Friday night. Senator
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by a promise to Mr. Stanaland be-
fore a prior meeting that had
voted in favor of an extension to
abide by the action of that meet-
ing and that he was going to
keep his promise.

The executive committee met
Friday night at the request of
the board of county commission-
ers to consider the matter of ex-
tending the term for the recorder
and to discuss the plan to have
a five-man board of county com-
missioners beginning with the next
election. Both measures were de-
feated, the vote on the matter
of extending the term for record-
er ending in a 5-10 tie, that was
broken by the vote of R. I.
Mintz, chairman.

Senator Frink said in a tele-
phone conversation Tuesday night
that a committee hearing on this
bill had been arranged for next
Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock
before the committee on judges
and court districts.

Increasing Demands For
Service on one Side And
Cry For Economy On
Other Made The
Problem

The revenue and budget bills
have been reported out. The pro-
ducing public, the one who in the
final analysis pays all taxes, is
called upon to pay into the state
treasury the greatest amount
in the history of the state. Many
will criticize these bills because
they have been increased. These
people must realize that the state
is doing more for the people than
has ever been done before, and
that these things that are being
done have been asked for by the
people. The people are asking for
more to be done, and when the
State does more the taxpayer
must pay more. In almost every
item in the budget the whole
committee or some members of
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Prominent Man Passes Tuesday

Frank E. Galloway Died
Tuesday Morning At His
Home At Bolivia Follow-
ing Short Illness

Frank E. Galloway, age 64,
prominent citizen and farmer of
Bolivia died Tuesday morning at
his home after a short illness.

Funeral services were conduct-
ed at his home this afternoon at
2:30 o'clock, with burial following
in the family cemetery near Bol-
ivia. Rev. W. J. Freeman, pastor
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The Tale Of The Wandering Bell-Buoy Goes The Rounds

The Western Newspaper
Union which furnishes a
ready-printed section to some
2,700 newspapers, their com-
bined circulation running into
millions, carried a two-column
illustrated coastal story last
week with most of the mat-
ter in the story was relevant
to Southport.

A picture of the old light-
house without a sea at Fort
Caswell was carried along
with subject matter. Still
more interesting was the tale
of the Frying Pan Shoals
Buoy, 2A FP.

In 1918 or thereabouts, this
buoy broke away from its
moorings between Bald Head
Island and Fort Caswell and
set out on a 4,000 mile jour-
ney to Ireland. The story of
the wanderer is already
fairly well known here, yet
some of the details are wor-
thy of repetition.

The buoy cost \$3,000, was
built of steel and weighed 12
tons. It had a normal appear-

ing bell, about the size of a
church bell. One difference
was that it had four clappers,
hanging at regular points on
the outside. This was instead
of the usual single clapper
inside a bell.

When the winds and waves
rocked the buoy, anchored
alongside the channel, the
bell would swing against one
or the other of the clappers.
The rougher the weather the
faster and louder the bell
would ring out its warning.

The runaway buoy drifted
out in the gulf stream and set
out for Ireland. It was sighted
and reported many times,
but in all cases it was too
heavy to be taken aboard
any of the ships that found
it. Frequently it gave ring-
ing out its warning at night,
causing them to think that
their instruments were wrong
and that they were approach-

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Measure Introduced Tues- day Would Extend Term Of Judge Water M. Stan- aland To January 1st, 1942

COMMITTEE VOTED
AGAINST EXTENSION

Members Of Democratic
Executive Committee Met
Friday Night And Vot-
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