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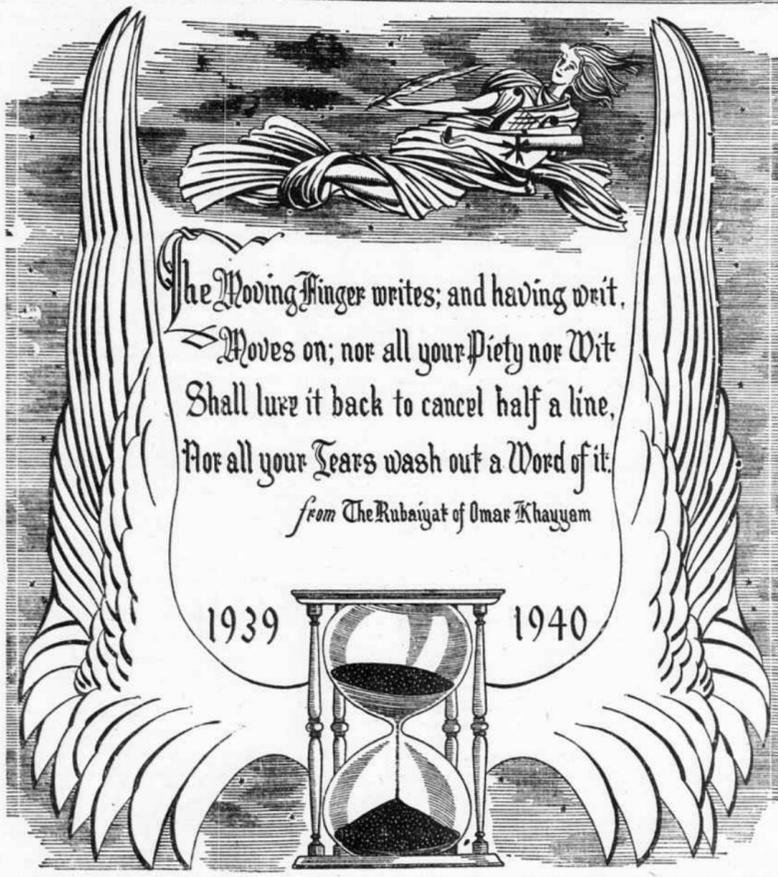
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Menhaden Boats Make Big Catch Outside Tuesday

Three Boats Of Brunswick Navigation Co. Came In Last Night Loaded Down With Best Catch Of Fall Season

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL THE TOWN

Directly Or Indirectly A Lot Depends Upon Success Or Failure Of Local Fishermen

Laying off only for Sunday and Christmas Day from their quest for menhaden, the Southport boats went out yesterday and returned last night loaded to the gunnels with fish. It was the first real catch in several months and the best of the year from the standpoint of value, arising out of the fish having a good oil content.

It is noteworthy that the John L. Morehead, in charge of an all-colored crew excepting the boat keeper and engineer, was the first boat to make port with a full load. The Morehead is the vessel of Captain J. B. Church, veteran Southport fisherman, whose arm was broken and badly lacerated when caught in the pulleys of the boat davits last week. While Captain Church is in the hospital the crew is continuing the fishing.

While yesterday brought the men a lot of belated Christmas cheer over the good catch, it also brought a measure of discouragement in the shape of unfavorable weather reports. Should bad weather set in and continue now, just when the fish are off Southport, the boats and men will not be able to profit much by the harvest that is apparently just now within their reach.

Winnabow Negro Dies In Hospital

John Holden, Injured When Struck By Automobile On Bridge, Succumbs In Wilmington Hospital

John Holden, negro, of Winnabow, who was injured when he was struck by an automobile on the Cape Fear river bridge Saturday night, died at James Walker Memorial hospital last night at 10 o'clock.

An inquest into the death will be held in the grand jury room at the courthouse Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Coroner Asa W. Allen said.

Joe Daniels, negro, of Navassa, driver of the automobile which struck Holden as he was walking across the bridge, was arrested Saturday night by State Highway Patrolman J. L. Wilson. He is being held without bond pending a report by the coroner's jury.

The death was the first fatality of the holidays reported in New Hanover county.

Inquest Friday Night In Death Of Three Children

Ferry Arrives In Rio De Janeiro

One paragraph in last week's Saturday Evening Post was of special interest to Southport people, for it had to do with a vessel which spent a couple of days here earlier in the fall. The item said:

"Rio de Janeiro: A ferry which formerly plied the York river in Virginia has arrived here under its own power to go into service between Rio and Niteroy, across the bay. This was the longest voyage ever attempted by a river ferry not under tow."

At the time of her visit here open doubt was expressed by experienced seamen that she would ever reach her destination.

Waccamaw P.-T. Holds Meeting

Christmas Program Is An Outstanding Feature Of Waccamaw Association In Final Session Of Old Year

The Waccamaw P.-T. A. held its monthly meeting Monday evening, December 18. The president, Mrs. Dodson, called the meeting to order by singing Luther's "Cradle Hymn."

During the dispensation of business, all committees had favorable reports to make and they were approved. Members learned with delight that there has been an increase in membership of the association. They would also like to put further emphasis on the fact that there are so many who have not yet joined, and wish to extend to them the privilege of becoming a member.

The treasurer reported that dues for membership into the State P.-T. A. had been sent in; thereby granting the privilege of obtaining much extra help and material from outside sources. This affiliation with the State organization increases the standard of our local chapter, and speaks well for our organization.

It was learned that the lunch (Continued on page 4)

American Legion To Sponsor Dance

The Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, will sponsor a New Years dance in the Community Center Building featuring music by a local orchestra under the direction of John Boyd Finch.

This same band played for a dance at the Community building Saturday night and everyone in attendance was high in his praise of the music.

Three Negro Children Died Sunday Night In Fire That Burned Their Home While They Were Asleep In Their Bed

THREE OTHERS MANAGED ESCAPE

Coroner John G. Caison Has Empaneled Jury To Investigate All Facts In Connection With Case

An inquest into the death of three negro children who were burned to death as they slept in a house in the Snow Field section of Brunswick county Christmas eve will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at Bishop's filling station, Coroner John G. Caison said today.

A coroner's jury composed of J. L. Bishop, C. E. Sharpe, M. C. Spencer, J. H. Mills, T. A. Henry and W. W. Henry, has been impaneled and has viewed the bodies and will hear the inquest evidence Friday night.

The three children killed in the blaze were Jesse Lee Hill, 20-months old, Thelma Owens, two years old, and Rosa Mae Borneman, three years old.

The bodies were almost entirely consumed by the fire. Three children, also asleep in the house, escaped the blaze. They were Dorothy May Owen, seven, Henry Owen, Jr., six and John Earl Owen, four.

The coroner said he understood the fire started when a light (Continued On Page 4)

Jackson Day Dinner Will Recall Story Of Father

One of the most interesting stories in the fold-lore of the section, is that of an unusual episode at the burial of Andrew Jackson, Sr., father of General Andrew Jackson, who became the seventh president of the United States, and whose signal victory over the British at New Orleans on January 8th, 1815, will be celebrated at the Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh on Monday night, January 8, 1940—the 125th anniversary of the battle.

Andrew Jackson, with his wife Elizabeth (Hutchinson), and his two small sons, Hugh and Robert, came from Ireland to the new world soon after 1760, and selected the Waxhaw settlement as their future home. Too poor to buy land in the heart of the settlement, old Andrew went up on Old Waxhaw Creek and built his cabin. Hardly had he finished his small house and cleared a few acres of land when he was stricken and died around Christmas of 1766.

The weather was bitter cold. Roads were rough, and money was very scarce. Neighbors were few, but kind. Mrs. Jackson's wish that her husband might be (Continued On Page 4)

Contractor Now At Work on Last Of Power Lines

NC-40B, Which Is Part Of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Is Now In Process Of Construction

PATRONS ADVISED TO BEGIN WIRING

All Of Brunswick Expecting To Be Energized During This Week; Part Of Columbus By January 15th

Miller-Baxter, electric wiring contractors from Indianapolis, Ind., have been notified to begin construction of the power line which is embraced in the project NC-40B, a part of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation set up.

These folks were the successful low bidders for this job and their figure for the work had previously been tentatively approved. In fact, the contractors had everything in readiness to begin work and construction of this power line in Columbus county is expected to proceed at a rapid pace.

E. D. Bishop, project superintendent, has notified prospective patrons of this line to begin now to have their homes wired in order that they may be ready for the current as soon as it is made available.

With regard to that portion of NC-40B which lies in Columbus county, Superintendent Bishop said that officials hope to be able to energize between January 10th and January 15th.

One section of the Brunswick county line was energized last week, but final inspection delayed for a few days other sections of the network. The project superintendent said that he hopes that final inspection will be completed this week so that power may be made available to all Brunswick county patrons.

Praises Manner Of Cutting Trees

County Agent J. E. Dodson Says Brunswick County Is More Forestry Minded Today Than Ever Before In Her History

Interviewed while in town one day last week County Agent J. E. Dodson was high in his praise of the methods that are being followed by pulpwood firms while harvesting timber for their mills.

He spoke of the insistence of the mills that their employees always leave a generous number of seedling trees and that they also take care to see that all young timber, too small to be used in the mills now, should not be injured.

Mr. Dodson said there was more timber in Brunswick now than there had been at any time during the past two or three decades. Much of this is young stuff. Nevertheless it is timber and now growths are constantly coming on to marketable size.

"I have never seen people so forest fire prevention conscious as our Brunswick county citizens are," said Mr. Dodson. He was highly gratified at this spirit on the part of the public and at the thoroughly efficient manner (Continued On Page 4)

Special Music Featured Christmas Programs Here

Special Services Were Conducted At Each Of The Churches In Southport, Including Catholic Mid-Night Mass

Christmas this year was an occasion of religious significance so far as the churches of Southport were concerned, and each one in town observed the occasion with special programs.

The Christmas Eve mid-night service at Southport Presbyterian church was well attended and members of the congregation heard Rev. J. R. Potts bring a stirring Christmas message.

In the Community Center hall the Catholics of the community attended the celebration of the mid-night mass "In Honor of the Holy Family", by Kremer. Father Frank J. Howard was the celebrant. This was the first mid-night mass in the history of Southport and it was attended by several protestants.

At the Baptist church a Christmas cantata was given Monday night. On Christmas Eve Rev. A. L. Brown took members of his young choir out to the Doshier Memorial Hospital to render a program of Christmas carols for the patients and members of the staff.

The Junior choir and members of the Sunday school appeared in a special Christmas program at the regular hour for evening worship Sunday at the Methodist church. The choir was directed by Miss Leila Hubbard and Miss Robbie Woodside was in charge with other features of the program. Miss Anna Taylor and Watters Thompson were featured in a tableau during the program.

Historical Tour Takes In Nearby Points This Week

Recorder's Court Session Tomorrow

A temporary change is in effect this week and next for holding Recorder's court. Because both Christmas and New Year's Day come on Monday, his regular day for court, Judge Walter M. Stanaland moved his weekly session back to Thursday.

One other recent change in the schedule of a county body has to do with the date for the second regular meeting each month of the board of county commissioners. Henceforth, instead of meeting on the first and third Mondays in the month, the board will be in session on the first Monday and on the Tuesday following the third Monday.

Smith Island Is Another Familiar Local Point That Receives Considerable Attention In Book

FORT CASWELL is two miles from Southport by water and eight miles by land. Constructed in 1825, it was an outstanding military post for a full century. During the war between the States, Spanish-American and World Wars it was well manned and many troops trained there. Sold in 1925 its many splendid buildings and miles of ocean beaches are contributing to make it a great summer resort.

The forts at the mouth of the Cape Fear River (Fort Johnston in Southport and Fort Caswell) afforded protection to blockade runners during the War between the States, giving access to the port of Wilmington and constituting the "life line of the Confederacy." Because of the configuration of the coast, it was difficult to effect a close blockade. The blockade-running ships were designed for speed and easy maneuvering, usually side-wheelers armored with iron and rigged as schooners. They would reach the coast and steam noiselessly along at night until the protection of the forts was reached. If overhauled, they had orders to ground and fire the boat rather than submit to capture. More than 30 such ships were scuttled between Topsail Inlet and Georgetown, S. C., a few of which are still visible at low tide.

SMITH ISLAND, sometimes called Bald Head, is about 17,000 acres in area, is two miles by boat from Fort Caswell and four miles by the same method from Southport. The extreme tip of the (Continued On Page 4)

State To Have Free Weed School

Fourth Annual School For Adult Farmers To Be Held At N. C. State College, Raleigh

The fourth annual tobacco short course for adult farm men and women of the State will be held at State College January 16-19, it is announced by Dan M. Paul, director of agricultural short courses at the college. Tuition is free. A charge of \$1.00 is made for registration and a certificate of attendance.

A limited number of beds are available in the athletic room of the college Y. M. C. A. at 50 cents per night, and meals may be secured in the college cafeteria at a reasonable cost.

About 600 persons attended the three previous tobacco short courses held at the college, and 210 growers received certificates for attending all sessions of a short course. Registration is open to white men and women over 16 years of age.

Paul announced that instruction will be given in all phases of tobacco production, and related subjects, including tobacco seed, fertilizers, insect and disease control, soil fertility, and the value of forest thinning to obtain tobacco wood.

The discussion leaders for the four days of the school will be E. Y. Floyd, Extension tobacco specialist and AAA executive officer for the State, on Tuesday, January 16; Prof. C. B. Williams, (Continued on page four)

Death Comes To Supply Resident

Funeral rites for Joseph L. Phelps, 61, farmer of Supply, who died Monday, December 18, in a Wilmington hospital after an illness of several days, were held from the Prospect Baptist church, at Supply, the following afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Wescott, conducted the services. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers included the following nephews of the deceased: Orbie Sellars, Albert Phelps, Homer Phelps, Audie Phelps, Bonnie Phelps and Melvin Phelps. Honorary pallbearers were: H. L. Clemmons, Riley Clemmons, Clyde Holden, Charlie Caison, Isaac Clemmons, C. T. Howard, P. C. Woodard and Garlond Clemmons.

Comstock Goes Back To Work With New Crew

Nearly Two-Score Brunswick County Men Back At Work Following Lay-Off Of A Couple Months Duration

REPLECEMENTS IN CREW ARE MADE

Boat Has Left For Job In Florida But It Is Understood That It May Return Here To Work Later In Year

Brunswick county men who have been members of the crew of the U. S. Engineers dredge Comstock, were ordered to report to the vessel in Wilmington yesterday. It is understood that the vessel will leave for Florida this week and will be engaged in work there for three or four months. At the end of that time she will return to resume maintenance work in this district.

There are said to be about 35 Brunswick men in the crew, many of these being residents of Southport. They have been laid off for two months while the vessel was tied up in Wilmington, awaiting assignment to work at some point.

Captain Oscar Lane is understood to be the only man who was kept aboard the vessel while she was tied up. She will resume work with most of the old crew back at their stations. However, some eight or ten men are reported to have been given work on other boats in the north while the Comstock was tied up. These will probably remain where they are and new men will be taken aboard the Comstock to replace them.

Winnabow Club Has Christmas Party

The Winnabow Demonstration Club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. G. K. Lewis for their Christmas party. A very delightful evening was enjoyed by playing games, singing carols and exchanging presents. Prizes were awarded to Misses Margaret Mills, Josie Reid, and Elizabeth Lewis.

The hostess served home made punch and cookies to the following:

Mdms: Lee Kye, J. L. Henry, Rufus Doshier, J. H. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Potter, Misses Julia Taylor, Margaret Mills, Elizabeth Henry, Catherine and Helen Willetts, Jossie Reid, Elizabeth, Pauline and Virginia Lewis, Betty Lou Cox, and Doris McDowell, Johnnie Mills, A. P. Henry, Ray Kye, Billy Potter, J. C. and Carl Lewis.

Central Union To Hold Meeting

The Baptist Central Union will hold its regular meeting at Dulah church on Saturday, December 30th.

The meeting will open at 10 o'clock in the morning with Rev. M. L. Mintz in charge. After the devotional will come the roll call and report from churches. The sermon will be delivered at 11 o'clock by Rev. Charlie Reaves. Lunch will be served on the grounds at 12, and in the afternoon Mrs. M. L. Mintz will have charge of the program. Her subject will be "Witnessing for Christ", by working with young people.

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	
Thursday, December 21	
3:05 a. m.	9:46 a. m.
3:31 p. m.	9:48 p. m.
Friday, December 22	
4:05 a. m.	10:37 a. m.
4:31 p. m.	10:36 p. m.
Saturday, December 23	
4:59 a. m.	11:27 a. m.
5:25 p. m.	11:25 p. m.
Sunday, December 24	
5:47 a. m.	12:17 p. m.
6:17 p. m.	12:17 p. m.
Monday, December 25	
6:32 a. m.	0:14 a. m.
7:00 p. m.	1:07 p. m.
Tuesday, December 26	
7:16 a. m.	1:04 a. m.
7:46 p. m.	1:55 p. m.
Wednesday, December 27	
8:01 a. m.	1:55 a. m.
8:32 p. m.	2:42 p. m.

Lighting Contest Caused Keen Rivalry

Contest Sponsored by Southport Woman's Club Resulted In Finest Display Of Holiday Regalia In History Of City

MORE THAN HUNDRED HOMES DECORATED

Made Their Round Trip On Monday Night And Gave To Winners In Each Of Three Divisions

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More than a hundred homes were decorated in the annual tree lighting contest sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club were announced Monday evening following the display of holiday regalia in history of city.

Prize money was awarded to the winners in each of the three divisions. Mrs. F. M. Gaskins won first prize in the living tree group, Mrs. E. Taylor received a beautiful vase as first prize in the decoration division. A bowl of Christmas bulbs was awarded to Mrs. J. L. Moore for having the prettiest cut tree, with second prize going to Mrs. F. M. Gaskins. Special mention was made of the mangers of the Gaskins' garage at the home of Mrs. Sadie Gaskins.

The annual Christmas tree lighting contest was held last Wednesday night, and was a week long this colorful event. The evergreen was the centerpiece of the town's decorations. Principal W. R. Lingle was master of ceremony at the Southport high school glee club was directing Christmas carols by the town's committee in charge of this year's Meslames W. L. Styron, Thomas and H. C. Cor-

Mayor John D. Erikson, Aldermen J. I. Davis, R. Thompson, I. B. Bussell, J. G. E. Hubbard, decided to operate to the fullest with the Christmas community display. They arranged for several colored lights of their own for a community Christmas tree at the city hall, Franklin power house, J. Arthur Doshier Memorial hospital. They decorated their homes with colored lights across all the principal streets.

Some owners have provided lamps, wiring, trees and decorations, the city is giving lights will be left on all week and invitation is being sent to the Brunswick, New Brunswick, Columbus folks, and travelers from everywhere to view Southport any night. A really lit-up little town.

Mrs. J. L. Holden, Mr. J. L. Loughlin, Jr., Mr. R. B. Woodside, Mr. E. Carr, Miss Susie Newell, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Aldridge, Mr. W. E. Doshier, Mr. C. N. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Erikson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ewing, Miss Carrie Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. T. Yaskell, Mr. and Mrs. St. George, Mr. and Mrs. (Continued On Page 4)

Winnabow Methodist Church

R. S. Harrison will hold church service at Trinity Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The service will be a feature of the campaign which has been mapped out for the new year.

Services will be no 7:30 o'clock Sunday.

Winnabow Citizen Passes

Funeral services for J. W. Collins, 82, of Winnabow, who died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock from the Funston Baptist church.

Collins is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Jo Collins, of Thompson, Ga., and by Mrs. S. D. Chinnis, of Park.

FOR TREATMENT

Russ was admitted to Memorial Hospital Thursday for treatment.