

Damage Suit Next Week

of Deceased Enrollee
Camp Sapona Seeks
Recover Damage
Amounting To Fifty
Thousand Dollars

FRIZZELLE PRESIDING JUDGE

Week Term Of Super-
Court Will Convene
Monday For The Trial
Of Civil Actions

January term of Brun-
swick Superior court for
civil cases will convene
Monday and outstanding
cases docketed for trial
is which C. E. Gause, ad-
vocate of William Elmer Ed-
wards, seeks to recover \$50,000.00
damage suit resulting from
death of the youth.

Plaintants named in the com-
plaint are Edward Dial Torgenson,
deceased, whose widow, Mrs.
Dial Torgenson, has been
appointed; the City of South-
port; Phillip Allen, of Rhode

Islands; youth, an enrollee
of CCC camp in Southport,
whose death on the afternoon
of August 22, 1937, allegedly
came into contact with
the line running from South-
port to the Torgenson home about
three miles up the river.

At the time of the accident it
was alleged that the deceased was
aiding Henry Single-
meyer, a contractor for the Phillip
property, to put out a small
fire and it was while en-
deavoring to do so that he came into
contact with the line which was
carrying high voltage.

complaint and the
cases which have been filed are
serious and a drawn-out trial
is expected. Counsel for the
defendant includes S. B. Frink,
J. Burns and Burns,
Lamberton, Represent-
ing various defendants are C.
R. L. Mintz and J. W.
Southport; Tucker and
Whiteville; and W. B.
Wilmington.

Paul Frizzelle of Snow
will preside over the session.

Committal For Rev. Marshall

Will Be Interred At
Springfield, Ohio, At Ten
O'clock Friday
Evening With Military
Honors

A. H. Marshall left Tues-
day morning at 10 o'clock
for Springfield, Ohio, where
remains of her late
husband, Rev. A. H. Marshall, will
be interred with military
honor at Ferncliff ceme-
tery.

Marshall drove up through
the county, carrying with her
the remains of her late husband,
and arriving here on the trip
heretofore Harrell of Wilming-
ton was in charge of fun-
eral arrangements here.

Funeral services at the ceme-
tery will be in charge of the Amer-
ican Legion Post at Springfield
on the 24th and 25th of the
same month.

Mr. Marshall was rector
of Phillips Episcopal church
at his death on October
15, 1938, at the
Veterans Hospital in
Washington, D. C.

Order of Death Held

Of Beach
N. J., Held For
Trial In Superior Court
Friday Aged Negro

Waddell, 64-year-old
Brunswick county negro, was in-
terred Saturday afternoon
on Highway No. 17 near
Southport, where he was
struck by an auto-
mobile driven by George Dages of
Haven, N. J.

An inquest held Sun-
day afternoon at Woodburn
where a jury ordered Dages held
for \$10,000.00 bond for trial.
Following report of the ac-
cident, the Dages car struck the
victim while traveling south
along the highway. The
victim was carried al-
most a mile down the road.
The jury was composed of the
following: G. T. Ganey, Charlie
Ransom Ennis, Pat
London Arnold and Ernest

Finns Crush Russians; Capture War Supplies

Red Russia's 143rd Division
Cut To Pieces By Fight-
ing Finns; Russia's Air
Raiders Spread New
Death And Terror

REDS FIRE ON HOSPITAL TRAIN - AMBULANCES

Fleeing Russian Troops Are
Hunted In Woods By
Finns As Defeated Di-
vision Scattered

HELSINKI, Jan. 1.—The Fin-
nish high command announced
Sunday night that Red Russia's
163rd division had been cut to
pieces and "for the most part de-
stroyed" in a bitter two-day bat-
tle on the eastern frontier, and
that the Soviets lost thousands of
men. There are about 15,000 men
in a Soviet infantry division.

Panicky remnants of the Red
division scattered through the for-
ests near Lake Kianta and were
pursued by Finnish cleanup
squads, the Finnish command re-
ported.

Russian air raiders elsewhere
spread new death and terror. Red
machine-gunners splattered a hos-
pital train with lead, the Finns
announced officially, and fired on
"a clearly marked Red Cross am-
bulance."

In southern and western Fin-
nish cities many people spent the
last day of the year in air raid
shelters as bombs rained down.
The defeat of the Russian 163rd
division was announced in a
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Maxwell Enters Governor's Race

Allen J. Maxwell, formally entered the
N. C. gubernatorial race Saturday
and announced that he would
take a leave of absence without
pay from his post as State Re-
venue commissioner.



Maxwell was the third entry
in the campaign for Governor.
Other announced candidates are
Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton of
Pittsboro and J. M. Broughton of
Raleigh. All are democrats and
all supported Governor Hoey in
the primaries of 1936.

Carl S. Ward Has Been Appointed Census Taker

Work Of Taking Census
For Brunswick County
Began Yesterday And
Will Extend For Several
Months

CENSUS OF BUSINESS FIRMS COMES FIRST

The Count Of Population,
Agriculture, Housing, Etc
To Begin April 1; Enu-
merators To Be
Named Later

LUMBERTON, Jan. 3.—J. H.
Barrington, District Supervisor,
of the 7th N. C. District, Bureau
of Census office today announces
the appointment of Carl S. Ward
as enumerator for Brunswick
county in the 1940 decennial cen-
sus of business and manufactur-
ing.

Mr. Ward began Tuesday, Jan-
uary 2, gathering the statistics
from this section on wholesale
and retail trade, service establish-
ments, amusements, and manu-
facturing enterprises.

This is the first time for many
years that all of the censuses—
business, manufacturing, popula-
tion, agriculture, housing, mines
and quarries and drainage and
irrigation—will be taken in a sin-
gle year. They will not all be
taken at the same time. The
census of Business, Manufacturing,
Mines and Quarries, and
Drainage and Irrigation will be-
gin on January 2nd, some three
months ahead of the counts of
population, agriculture, and hous-
ing which will begin on April 1st
according to law.

Mr. Barrington in announcing
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Sale Of Cross-Ties Is Good Source Of Income

From the time of wood-burn-
ing steam engines, wood has
been essential in the construc-
tion, operation, and mainte-
nance of railroads. With the
development of stockers and oil
burning diesel locomotive en-
gines, the use of wood as fuel
ceased to be important. How-
ever, these diesel or other pow-
ered engines pulling stream-
lined coaches or freight cars
must depend upon wood to func-
tion, and upon this fact is
based the permanence of this
industry in this coun-
try. Today more than a billion
wooden ties are in use in the
United States—enough if placed
end to end, to encircle the earth
70 times.

In recent years about 50 mil-
lion wooden railroad ties have
been purchased annually, of
which more than three-fourths
have been preservative treat-
ed. Ties are cut from a num-
ber of kinds of wood. Many
are hewn by hand. The perfor-

Southport Has Warmest Weather

Where Pinehurst has hereto-
fore been credited with the
mildest temperature of any
point in North Carolina, South-
port is now stepping in for its
rights.

The Brunswick County Cham-
ber of Commerce has just re-
ceived a clipping from the De-
troit (Michigan) Free Press,
crediting the mean tempera-
tures in North Carolina as rang-
ing from 48.4-degrees at Lin-
ville, in the Blue Ridge moun-
tains, to 64.7-degrees at South-
port on the coast.

The Free Press ranks high
in National circulation. Still, it
is only one of many great
newspapers and scientific jour-
nals that are now giving full
credit to Southport for having
the mildest summer and winter
climate of any point in North
Carolina.

Commissioners In Session Thursday

County Board Met Here On
Tuesday In Regular First
Of Month Meeting; Spec-
ial Session Tomorrow

Members of the board of coun-
ty commissioners met Tuesday
in regular session, and failing to
complete their work, a special
meeting will be held Thursday.
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Southport Man Dies When Hit By Falling Tree

Alex Swain, Prominent Far-
mer Of Near Southport,
Was Killed Instantly Fri-
day When Struck By
Rotten Pine Tree

CORONER CALLED TO VIEW BODY

Death Was Due To Acci-
dent Which Occurred
When Tree He Was
Cutting Broke And
Hit Him

The body of Alex Swain, re-
spected and widely known farmer
who lived on the north western
outskirts of Southport, was found
under a fallen lightwood tree be-
side a stream near his home Fri-
day afternoon by Thalia Jackson,
old colored woman who acted as
his cook and housekeeper. She was
on her way to her own home at
the time, after preparing Mr.
Swain's noonday meal.

The Jackson woman reported
that she had left the Swain
home at 9:30 o'clock that morn-
ing to go to the nearby home
of W. T. Fulwood. Returning at
11 o'clock, she prepared Mr.
Swain's dinner and tidied up the
house. At one o'clock, with Mr.
Swain not having returned, she
suspected he had come to town
and she closed the house and
started to her own home, dis-
covering the body directly beside
the path.

Aid was quickly summoned and
it was obvious to all who visited
the scene that he had been en-
gaged in cutting down a small,
dead lightwood tree. When the
job was nearly finished the rotten
tree snapped off about five feet
above where he was chopping and
crashed down on him. One side
of his face, his left arm and
chest were badly crushed.

Coroner John G. Caison view-
ed the body and ruled that death
resulted from an accident.

Mr. Swain was 63 years of age
and was unmarried. He and his
family have been prominent in
the history of Southport. The on-
ly surviving members of the im-
mediate family are a brother,
Fred Swain, of Southport and a
sister, Mrs. Frank Williams, of
Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral services were con-
ducted from Trinity Methodist church
Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. S.
Harrison and the body was laid
to rest in the family burial
ground near Southport. Active
pallbearers were Kenneth Swain,
John R. Swain, Herbert Swain,
Palmer Williams, W. T. Fulwood
and M. R. Sanders.

Dancers Enjoy Home Orchestra

New Years Dance At Com-
munity Center Building
Was Well Attended And
Everyone Praised Local
Boys

A cracking good dance with
music by an orchestra made up
of home town boys was the en-
tertainment feature for New Year
celebrants here.

The boys had made their public
debut 10 days before at a dance
in the community hall, so the
word had been spread around
that they were good. Monday
night they were even better, and
the dance crowd was one solid
band of boosters.

John Boyd Finch and Lawrence
Willard are saxophonists for the
new orchestra; D. I. Watson plays
the trumpet; Robert Willing plays
a string instrument that is a
cross between a ukulele and a
guitar; Egan Hubbard plays the
drums and John Shannon is the
pianist. The boys have been prac-
ticing together for several months,
have mastered a variety of dance
tunes and have recently added to
their musical library.

Inquest Friday Frees Negroes

No One Is Held Responsible
For Christmas Eve Holo-
cast Which Cost Lives Of
Three Negro Children

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 listen-
ed to evidence in connection with
the blaze which cost the lives of
three negro children Christmas
eve at an inquest here Friday
night and freed parents of the
deceased of blame.

The three children killed in the
blaze were Jess Lee Hill, 20-
months old, Thelma Owens, two
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King Winter Has Icy Grip Upon Entire Section

Mercury Drops To Low Fig-
ure For Season Here To-
day; Low Reading Of 21-
Degrees Yesterday

NO SNOW SEEN IN SOUTHPORT

In Other Sections Of The
County, However, The
Entire Country - Side
Lies Beneath Blank-
et Of White

King Winter held this section
in his icy clutch this morning in
the season's first protracted cold
spell as the thermometer tumbled
below the 20-degree mark for the
first time.

The official reading for Tues-
day morning was 21- degrees for
Southport, and although official
figures were not available today,
unofficial reports indicated that
the mercury dropped still lower.

Indicative of the intensity of
the cold spell is the fact that
Town Creek was frozen over this
morning for the first time in five
years. Seldom has there been a
heavier frost than the one which
turned the landscape into a glitter-
ing fairland beneath the sun's
first rays this morning.

The first snow of the season
fell in this county Monday, al-
though only a few scattered flakes
were in evidence at Southport. Up
in the Lanvale and Leland neigh-
borhoods, however, there was
about a 2-inch fall some of which
was still in evidence this morn-
ing. The home of Charlie Wood-
bury near Lanvale looked like a
Christmas card illustration early
today, with roof and eaves cov-
ered and the lawn and shrubbery
in front of the house blanketed.

Near the Brunswick river bridge
intersection was a snowman
standing guard in front of one of
the homes, but this morning he
had fallen after a gallant two-
day stand.

Plane Producer Visits Southport

Glenn T. Martin, Designer
Of Famous Martin Bom-
ber, Was Visitor Here On
Way To Florida Aboard
Yacht

Glenn T. Martin, the 100-foot cabin
cruiser of Glenn T. Martin, of
Baltimore, stopped over here Fri-
day. Mr. Martin and his mother
were the only persons aboard,
except for the crew of nine. The
cruiser was en route to Miami.

The name of the cruiser is a
composite of that of Mr. Martin,
who is outstanding in the air-
plane industry. In fact, he is the
designer and manufacturer of the
celebrated Martin Bombers, used
extensively in the Navy.

At this time activities in all
airplane factories, especially in
those that construct army and
navy machines, is stepped up to
capacity production, and exten-
sions are being made in creative
facilities. While he set out from
Baltimore with the hope of being
able to accompany his mother all
the way to Miami, Mr. Martin
was expected to be recalled north
at any time and from almost any
point along the southward route.

College Girls And Boys Return

Back To School Movement
Began For The Holiday
Student Visitors Monday
And All Of Them Are
Gone Now

Christmas vacation is over for
the ten or more college students
who spent the holidays here with
relatives, and in addition two
more Southport boys have joined
the back-to-school movement.

They are David Watson and
Malcom Frink, who have enrolled
at East Carolina Teachers Col-
lege. The former has completed
three years' work at Louisburg
College while young Frink at-
tended Oak Ridge Military Insti-
tute during the first semester
last year.

Dan Walker has returned to the
University of North Carolina
after spending the holidays here
with his parents. Neil Thomas,
Jr., and Norwood Brooks, both of
Shalotte, also spent the holidays
at home with their parents.

Dan Clemmons and Harvey
Brown have returned to Wake
Forest, Eddie Jelks to Louisburg
College; Marion Frink to Fassi-
fer; Edward Taylor to Davidson;
Anna Taylor to East Carolina
Teachers College; Dickie Cannon
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Better Business Forecast For First Half Of New Year

Roger W. Babson, economist,
from his Babson Park, Mass. of-
fice makes the following predic-
tions for the New Year. He is
confident, from the study of his
statistics, charts, etc. that busi-
ness will show a 10 to 15 per cent
gain over the first half of 1939.
That its trend will show some dip
from its current peak level; that
markets will show an uptrend but
no runaway prices; that there
will be no new important legisla-
tion in the new Congress; that
farmers will enjoy a better in-
come and more profits.

Babson also foresees wages to go
higher, with strikes up. For re-
tailers he predicts a gain of 8
percent, in sales with prices ad-
vancing four percent, and for con-
sumers a less than 5 cents rise in
living costs. All in all he pre-
dicts the best six months ahead
in 10 years.

Not so sure about the second
half of 1940, Mr. Babson says,
"Strange as it sounds, right now
I think there are only two possi-
bilities for the second half: (1)
A roaring boom or (2) a sick-
ening crash. After the nomina-
tions are in, we should be able to
tell which of these two develop-
ments will take place. Hence, I
shall not give readers my defini-
te forecasts for jobs, wages, and
business in the second half of
1940 until June.

In the meanwhile, no one will
make any money by worrying
about late 1940. The successful
people next year will be those
who take advantage of the great
opportunities of the early months.
For 10 years we have waited for
"good times" to come back. They
are here now but nobody seems to
want to do anything about them.
Fears and uncertainties should be
forgotten for a few months. Cer-
tainly anyone who is primarily
worried about congress is fretting
unnecessarily."

Southport Harbor Scene Of Stede Bonnet's Doom

"Hop'in John" For New Years Dish

To up-state folks the New
Year dinner was, in many cases,
marked with the traditional
New Year good luck dish of
hog jowl. Down here on the
coast it was "Hopping John."

Saturday W. B. Keziah was
invited to eat a "Hopping
John" dinner with the family of
a local lighthouse keeper on
New Year's day. The invita-
tion was accepted, but with
some inward reservations that
the guest intended to find out
who "Hopping John" was be-
fore he ate any of him.

Dinner time came and along
with other fixings there was a
great dish of boiled peas and
(—) hog jowl to you.

Big Session Of Recorders Court

Judge Walter M. Stanaland
And Other Recorder's
Court Officials Had Busy
Time At Thursday's Ses-
sion

At the last session of Record-
ers court Caesar Daniels, colored,
pleaded guilty to charges of oper-
ating a motor vehicle with im-
proper lights, brakes and license.
Judgment was suspended upon
payment of costs.

Durant Canady, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of being drunk
on the public highway. Judgment
was suspended upon payment of
a fine of \$10.00 and the costs,
the fine being remitted.

F. O. Dowles, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of drunken driv-
ing. Judgment was suspended
upon payment of a fine of \$50.00
and costs, his license being re-
voked for 12 months.

Ellis Fulford, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of reckless oper-
ation. Judgment was suspended
upon payment of a fine of \$25.00
and costs.

Samuel Hamby, Jr., white, was
found guilty on charges of drunk-
en driving and of having no driv-
er's license. He was given 6
months on the roads, this judgment
being suspended upon payment of
a fine of \$50.00, the costs of the
case and upon condition that his
drivers license be revoked 12
months.

Harry Bryant, colored, pleaded
guilty to charges of possession of
apparatus for the manufacture of
liquor. Sentence of 8 months on
the roads was suspended upon
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Figures Indicate That Postoffice Record Is Set

Holiday Rush Brought A
Record Of At Least 25-
000 Christmas Cards Into
Letter Box At Local Post
Office

PACKAGES ALSO MADE HEAVY MAIL

Figures Arrived At On Bas-
is Of 600 Registered
Packages Sent out Just
Prior To Christmas

Some idea of the heavy volume
of mail handled by the Southport
postoffice during the holiday sea-
son may be had from the follow-
ing figures supplied by Post-
master, L. T. Yaskell.

There were 24,000 1-cent and
1½-cent stamps sold, meaning
that there were that many cards
mailed (for these denominations
are the popular Christmas card
postage). No figure is given for
3-cent stamp sales, so possibly an-
other 1,000 cards were sent that
way.

There were 600 insured pack-
ages sent out, and the postmaster
estimated that only about one in
five was insured. That means that
the packages probably totaled
2,500 pieces.

Despite this unprecedented
Christmas rush, Mr. Yaskell says
that everything was handled in an
orderly manner and that never
before did patrons of the office
show a finer spirit of cooperation.
As evidence that this was ap-
preciated, on at least two differ-
ent occasions a voluntary delivery
service was instituted by the local
postmaster for the convenience of
some who had been victimized by
late packages from mail order
houses.

Comstock Crew Thanks Clark

Congressman J. B. Clark
Responsible For Getting
Comstock Back At
Work, Giving Men Back
Their Jobs

At the request of the large
number of local men employed on
the U. S. E. Dredge Comstock,
the Brunswick County Chamber
of Commerce representative, W.
B. Keziah, has written Congress-
man J. Bayard Clark thanking
him for his efforts towards hav-
ing the ship put back to work.

The craft left yesterday for
Florida with practically all of its
old crew aboard, the men having
been recalled during the past
week. It is understood that the
job in Florida will require about
four months work and that the
vessel will then return here and
resume her maintenance work.

With the boat tied up in Wil-
mington and her men laid off
since October, a request was
made of Congressman Clark
about a month ago that he en-
deavor to have the Comstock put
back in commission with her old
crew aboard. Response was im-
mediate, the Congressman advis-
ing that the vessel would have
all of its men back or that they
would be placed in some other
position by the first of the year.
This promise has been faithfully
kept and the men were appreci-
ative of the efforts of the Con-
gressman in their behalf. About
30 Brunswick men work on the
Comstock.

Pirates including Blackbeard,
Stede Bonnet, and Richard Wor-
ley preyed upon shipping in this
region. Finally Robert Johnson,
Governor of South Carolina—
1717-19, sent Col. William Rhett
against Bonnet. A desperate en-
counter occurred within South-
port harbor during the summer
of 1718. Bonnet at last surren-
dered with 40 survivors of his
band. They were taken to Char-
leston, S. C., for trial. From the
prison there Bonnet managed to
escape, dressed as a woman. He
was soon recaptured and he and
all of his crew were hanged.
Their bodies were buried in Char-
leston harbor below the high-
water line. While waiting execu-
tion Bonnet wrote and appeal
asking to be spared in order that
he might devote the remainder
of his life to good works.

SHALLOTTE—Population, 214,
is on the Shalotte River, fishing
boats and guides are available.
In 1729, according to the Pen-
sylvania Gazette of April 29,
1731, this settlement was known
as Shelote, but there is no re-
cord of its origin.

County May Soon Furnish Shell Oysters A La French

The large green-shelled, deli-
cately flavored oyster grown in
France and prized by the
gourmets of Europe soon may
find a counterpart in this coun-
try through experiments being
carried on in Brunswick county
and at other points along the
Carolina coastal country by the
Bureau of Fisheries.

Secretary of Commerce Hop-
kins' annual report said pro-
gress along this line had been
made in experiments started in
1939 both in North Carolina
and South Carolina and fisher-
ies bureau officials added that
in another year or two an
oyster similar to the famous
French variety may result.

The bureau is hoping to im-
prove the quality of the Car-
olina oyster by transplanting
small, young oysters from their
natural beds in shallow water
along the coast to special man-
developed salt water ponds
where they may grow to a
size and delicacy similar to the
French product.
A practice long followed in
France with highly favorable
results, this leaves the natural
beds ready for new seedling oys-
ters the following year and
prevents an oncoming crop from
piling up on shells of dead
young oysters of the previous
year.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table
for Southport during the next
week. These hours are approxi-
mately correct and were fur-
nished through the courtesy of the
Cape Fear Pilot's Association.
High Tide Low Tide

| TIDE TABLE | |
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| 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.</ | |