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Schedule For County Teams Starts Jan. 20

Schedule Of Pre-Tournament Games Drafted And Sent Out To Participating Teams Of The County

DOUBLE-HEADER ON EACH DATE

Games Have Been Arranged For Tuesday And Thursday Nights Of Each Week This Year

The basketball schedule for pre-tournament games between Brunswick county schools has been completed and shows opening games set for Tuesday, January 20.

At Waccamaw and Leland, scheduled games are for both sides and the program was drafted to have games on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The full schedule follows:

Southport vs. Waccamaw, Jan. 20 at Leland; Bol-
Bolivia vs. Southport, Jan. 22,
Southport; Shalotte vs. Waccamaw, Jan. 22 at Shalotte; Leland vs. Bolivia, Jan. 27, at Shalotte; Shalotte vs. Southport, Jan. 27 at Southport; Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Jan. 29, Bolivia; Leland vs. Southport, Jan. 29 at Leland; Shalotte vs. Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Feb. 3, at Shalotte; Leland vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 3 at Waccamaw; Southport vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 5, at Southport; Shalotte vs. Leland vs. Bolivia, Feb. 5, at Shalotte; Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Feb. 12, at Shalotte vs. Southport, Feb. 10, Bolivia; Shalotte vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 10 at Waccamaw; Leland vs. Bolivia, Feb. 12, at Shalotte; Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Feb. 17, Waccamaw; Leland vs. Southport, Feb. 17 at Southport; Shalotte vs. Bolivia, Feb. 19, Bolivia; Leland vs. Waccamaw, Feb. 19 at Leland; Southport vs. Bolivia, Feb. 19, at Southport; Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Feb. 19, at Southport; Waccamaw vs. Bolivia, Feb. 19, at Southport.

Asks Civilians Not To Phone

And Its Branches Need Telephone Facilities During Holiday Period, Points Out Manager

Civilians were requested today to cooperate with the nation's war effort by refraining as far as possible from using long distance telephones on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in order that long distance telephone lines can be kept open for government use in an emergency.

The request came from J. L. Smith, manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, who said that war preparations might be seriously hampered by long distance circuits become crowded with civilian holiday messages and as to delay completion of calls necessary to the war program.

Smith advised all persons contemplating exchanging greetings by long distance telephone to place their calls some time other than Christmas Day and New Year's Day as a contribution toward the nation's preparations.

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College Girls And Boys Here

Southport Enlivened By Young Folks At Home To Spend Holidays With Loved Ones

Center of the joyous holiday spirit in Southport are the boys and girls at home from college during the Christmas holidays.

Among these are David Watkins and Wilma Barnett, East Carolina Teachers College; Doris Ketterle, Atlantic Christian College; Marion Frink, Lenoir-Rhyne; Mary Dick Cannon of University of North Carolina; Joseph Moore and Victoria Lanas-Greensboro College; Harold Wake Forest; and Edward Taylor, Davidson.

Merry Christmas



And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

—Longfellow

Christmas Decorations Make Their Appearance

Streets Of Southport Are More Gaily Lighted Than Ever Before This Year As Other Decorations Keep Pace

WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS CONTEST

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony Planned For Tonight Unless The Weather Should Prevent

In these days of air raids and blackouts Southport presents a strange contrast with most of the other cities and towns of North Carolina as street lights and yard and home decorations for Christmas are more lavish than ever.

The Christmas tree, transplanted from back of the old Hood building to the park where it may be used year after year, has been gaily decorated and the program attending its lighting will be staged this (Tuesday) evening.

Again this year the Southport Woman's Club is sponsoring a contest for the best living Christmas tree and the best porch or house decoration in town. A first and second prize will be presented in each section of the contest for white citizens, and a first prize will be presented to the winner in each department among the colored citizens of the community.

Out-of-town judges will make their rounds for the purpose of judging on Christmas night.

Continue Cases Another Week

No Trials Held Before Judge Walter M. Staneland Here In Recorder's Court Monday

Although the regular weekly session of Brunswick county Recorder's court convened at the regular time, not a single case was finally disposed of.

H. O. Johnson, charged with reckless operation and damage to property, and D. Spivey, charged with drunken driving, each had his case continued.

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Brunswick Scene On State Christmas Card

Brunswick county was signally honored this year when the advertising bureau of the Department of Conservation and Development used a fishing scene on their official Christmas card.

County Agent Places Forest Products First

In Rating Farm Crops According To Amount Of Income To Farmer County Agent Says Forest Leads

RECOMMENDS FIRE CONTROL PROGRAM

Cites Illustration Of Income Possible From Small Area Where Sensible Program Has Been Run

(By W. B. Keziah)
We saw County Agent Dodson the other day and as usual he was brimming over with matter relative to farming. We know of no one who is more sold on the interests of the people for whom he works than the veteran county agent, and one thing that he is always sure to be keyed up on is the little-recognized wood crop, the products of our woodlands.

Your average county agent is usually interested in strictly agricultural products, the stuff that well-tilled acres produce and the poultry and livestock that thrive on them. In the past the products of the woods have not been given much attention by the county agents, some of them still do not give the woodlands much attention. Dodson is an exception, for with him the woodlands are first and foremost.

We found this out when Mr. Dodson took exception to recent stories we had sent out, stories in which we ranked forest products in value with tobacco, cotton, corn and peanuts. The county agent does not seem to entertain the same ideas. He puts the woodland products above everything else in value for Brunswick, and he had the information and logic to put over his point.

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"Just a few days ago they sold all timber above 8 inches in thickness, on the stump. They received the lump sum of \$10,000, which was \$100.00 per acre for this timber. They still have the land, and it is vastly richer and more valuable than it was 25 years ago. What is more, they have another crop of timber already on it and coming up for harvest in less than half the time that it took to grow the first one.

"If you will deduct the total of \$1.76 per acre in taxes for the 25-year period from the price of \$100.00-per-acre, you will note that the net profit from a 25-year lease back to nature was \$98.24 per acre.

"Renting worn-out waste land (Continued on page 6)

Men Must Notify Board Of Status

Local Board Of Registrants Has Jurisdiction Over Men Until They Ask For And Secure Release

The chairman of the Brunswick County Selective Service Board wishes to make the following statement relative to enlistment of registrants in the navy and coast guard:

"Notwithstanding provisions of local board release No. 20 local boards are now authorized to provide written release to registrants who desire to enlist in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard after issuance of order to report for physical examination, or even after such physical examination but prior to the mailing of an order to report for induction, but such releases should not be granted where such action would interfere with the filling of calls by the local boards.

"Boards have been directed to reopen and reclassify cases heretofore classified in class 4-A (men who have completed three years of military service) as the present status of the reg. may warrant."

Southport Five Scores Victory

Long Creek-Grady Goes Down Before Local Quint In One-Sided Contest Friday Night; Local Girls Lose

The Southport high school basketball teams opened their home season Friday night by splitting a double header with the lads and lassies of Long Creek-Grady. In the opener the Southport girls went down before the visitors by a 33-5 victory. The local girls appeared to be playing better ball than is indicated by the score.

Results of the after piece brought joy to the hearts of the comparatively small band of fans on hand as the boys drove through to an easy 47-7 victory. And although they were not facing the stiffest competition in the world, the local quint gave promise of a fine season.

Particularly impressive was the fact that Coach Lingle has more than a five-man team this year; he has a squad that runs fairly deep before he runs out of play. (Continued on page 6)

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Rounds Out His Fourth Year As Bank Cashier

Prince O'Brien Came Here As Head Of Waccamaw Bank And Trust Company In December, 1937

The first week in this month marked the fourth anniversary of Prince O'Brien as cashier of the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co.

He came here from the Fairmont branch of the same institution on December 2, 1937, and has served continuously since that time as head of the local institution.

Prior to his connection with the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. O'Brien was with the Charlotte Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Since he took over the reins of the Southport bank four years ago the local institution has greatly expanded its services, as is reflected in the fact that there has been a one hundred percent increase in deposits. This growth has resulted largely from the decision of businessmen throughout the county to make use of the banking facilities here.

The parent member of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. chain is at Whiteville, and in addition to the bank at Southport there are other members of this institution in Tabor City, Chadbourne, Clarkton, Fairmont, Kenansville, Rose Hill and Holly Ridge.



PRINCE O'BRIEN

Unusual Developments Mark This Week Of War

Southport Boys Reported Safe

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Potter of Southport have received a letter from their son, Bryant, telling them that both he and his brother, Frank, are safe aboard their ship in the Pacific ocean.

Because of strict censorship details were scarce, but it is known that the ship the boys are on was based at Pearl Harbor prior to the December 7 bombing. Nor were they permitted to say where they are now, but it is likely that they are part of Uncle Sam's fleet scouring the Pacific in search of the Japanese navy.

USO Directors Hold Conference

Man Slated To Come Here To Take Charge Of Local Building Attended Meeting At Morehead City

Southport is included among the important communities to be served by the Conference of USO Directors which was organized at a meeting held at Morehead City December 19th. Major Bob Cowan of the USO of Southport, is a member of the conference.

The officers elected were Nathaniel A. Snyder, of Wilmington, chairman; Ward B. Jenks, of Morehead City, secretary, and George Allen Neims, of Kinston, treasurer.

Other USO directors attending the meeting were Roger McDermott and Gordon Avison, of Wilmington, and L. E. Avison, of Morehead City. Thomas Weiler, of Jacksonville, is also a member of the conference.

The purpose of the conference is to coordinate the efforts of the USO directors in serving the special needs of outposts and coastal defense units in this coastal area.

| PACIFIC NAVAL STRENGTH | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | UNITED STATES | GREAT BRITAIN | DUTCH | JAPAN |
| BATTLESHIPS | 12 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| AIRCRAFT CARRIERS | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| CRUISERS | 33 | 5-14 | 3-4 | 46 |
| DESTROYERS | 90-113 | 6-16 | 8-12 | 125 |
| SUBMARINES | 40-72 | 12-24 | 18 | 71 |
| PLANES | (UNAVAILABLE) | 600-800 | 2000 | |

BASED ON BEST AVAILABLE ESTIMATES

Draw Jury List January Term Superior Court

Members Of Board Of County Commissioners In Session Here Monday Drew Names From Which To Choose

Judge Thompson Scheduled To Preside Over January Term Of Court, Beginning 19th

The following jurors were drawn for the January Term, of Superior Court:
H. L. Milliken, L. H. Hughes, C. H. Reaves, J. R. Ludlum, Ash; H. L. Martin, Shalotte; Mark Fergusson, Southport; E. H. Hayes, Leland; M. B. Reynolds, Winnabow; Armstrong Evans, Ash; S. D. Grissett, Shalotte; B. W. Hewett, Shalotte; J. L. Smith, Ash; M. S. Ganey, Jr., Leland; G. W. Lennon, Leland; Leroy Lewis, Leland; H. T. Bennett, Shalotte; H. M. Hickman, Shalotte; Murray Long, Freeland; Lendon McLamb, Wamepe; J. E. McRoy, Southport; Amos Watts, Shalotte; W. S. Roach, Supply; A. J. Brown, Shalotte; G. L. Bridger, Leland; Clyde Long, Ash; C. S. Lewis, Bolivia; Oscar D. Phelps, Ash; D. B. Price, Shalotte; N. W. Bennett, Freeland; A. R. Inman, Ash; J. L. Andrews, Ash; L. B. Leonard, Southport; G. B. Skipper, Leland; J. P. Vereen, Bolton; S. C. Gore, Ash; H. F. Milliken, Shalotte; J. Baity Little, Bolton; Geo. Gaylord, Leland; William McDowell, Southport; J. G. Raves, Ash; Leo Benton, Leland; J. V. Hewett, Supply; D. E. Stanley, Shalotte; L. M. Hickman, Shalotte; W. H. Benton, Leland; M. F. Mercer, Bolivia; D. L. Scroggins, Leland; Ralph Dixon, Supply.

Danger Zone Is Mapped Out

Owners Of Small Craft Warned To Stay Clear Of Area South Of Here During Target Practice

In view of the fact that the Army Air Corps is now opening and operating aerial machine gun ranges along the coast of the Carolinas, at Murrell's Inlet, S. C., Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C., these locations have been declared danger zones for watercraft and civilian usage, effective immediately and for an indefinite period. The coastal lands between Murrell's Inlet, S. C., and Garden City to a distance of one mile inland and the waters adjacent generally to Pawley's Island and White Point Swash are dangerous to trespassers and watercraft. North of Charleston and on the coast at Dewees Inlet the same warning holds true.

Army aircraft in operation will patrol the target area before commencing fire and "buzz" watercraft seen in or near the target area, thereby giving notice the practice is about to begin. "Buzzing" will consist of low flight by the plane and repeated opening and closing of the throttle, causing the motors of the aircraft to roar loudly in frequent succession.

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Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

| TIDE TABLE | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Thursday, December 25 | |
| 0:51 a. m. | 7:16 a. m. |
| 1:10 p. m. | 7:38 p. m. |
| Friday, December 26 | |
| 1:14 a. m. | 8:19 a. m. |
| 2:06 p. m. | 8:33 p. m. |
| Saturday, December 27 | |
| 2:39 a. m. | 9:16 a. m. |
| 3:01 p. m. | 9:24 p. m. |
| Sunday, December 28 | |
| 3:36 a. m. | 10:08 a. m. |
| 4:01 p. m. | 10:11 p. m. |
| Monday, December 29 | |
| 4:30 a. m. | 10:57 a. m. |
| 4:55 p. m. | 10:57 p. m. |
| Tuesday, December 30 | |
| 5:19 a. m. | 11:44 a. m. |
| 5:43 p. m. | 11:43 p. m. |
| Wednesday, December 31 | |
| 6:01 a. m. | |
| 6:26 p. m. | 12:30 p. m. |