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Two Sailfish In One Day Taken By Party Sunday

Wilmington Sportsmen Fishing Aboard "Idle On" Of Captain H. T. Watts Report Thrilling Fishing Trip

Jack Cowie Was Member Of Party

Eye-Witness Account Of The Day's Activity Makes Good Reading For Those Interested In Big Fish

Two sailfish, one of them believed to have been the largest caught off the North Carolina coast this year, were taken in Sunday afternoon by the "Idle On" of Captain H. T. Watts. His party was comprised of Jack Newman, of the Wilmington Star-News advertising department; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peters, and Richard Peters, a Southport man who went along for the ride.

Captain Watts with regard to the trip: "That was the day's fishing that I have not since 1941."

Jack Cowie, being a reporter for the Johnnie on the spot in this case, is having his story of the day borrowed and used by the Pilot.

The double catch, first recorded in the North Carolina coast in 1941 included the largest fish boated since the seven-foot eight and three-quarter fish boated from the same craft by Salisbury resident last August.

It also brings to four the number of sailfish caught locally this season beating the seven-foot inch specimen weighing 55 pounds boated by L. C. Sipe, Charlotte, Friday, Aug. 15, while fishing from Captain Victor P. Sipe's "Moja."

It was really a perfect day with a dead calm caused the water to retain an oil-slick appearance throughout the day.

The party originally intended to fish for blues and after several passes at the shoals a decision was made to head for the Position Buoy and work around the lightship for sail.

On the way a piece of debris part of a box—was noted and two rods were readied for dolphinfish. A tub was filled with the dolphinfish and on the maneuver Capt. Richard Peters, Southport, aboard for the day called out:

"Sail! Dead ahead."

That was at 11:20 a. m. and at 11:40 Lewis called out:

"Fish!"

At the time of the first strike the lines were over manned by Newman, Peters and your reporter. All were fishing without regard and were using the free reel method.

Lewis waited several seconds, failed to hook his quarry, played out line, reeled in and played it out a second time. That was when the sail struck and started to play out from a swimming reel.

"Eight minutes later, by the time Lewis had his fish aboard, he had made but one jump then became docile.

Lines were put out again and at 1:10 p. m. Newman screamed: "I have something that is something."

"At the same moment one man after my bait and a quick decision was made: "Better to get the one that is hooked than take a chance at losing both of them."

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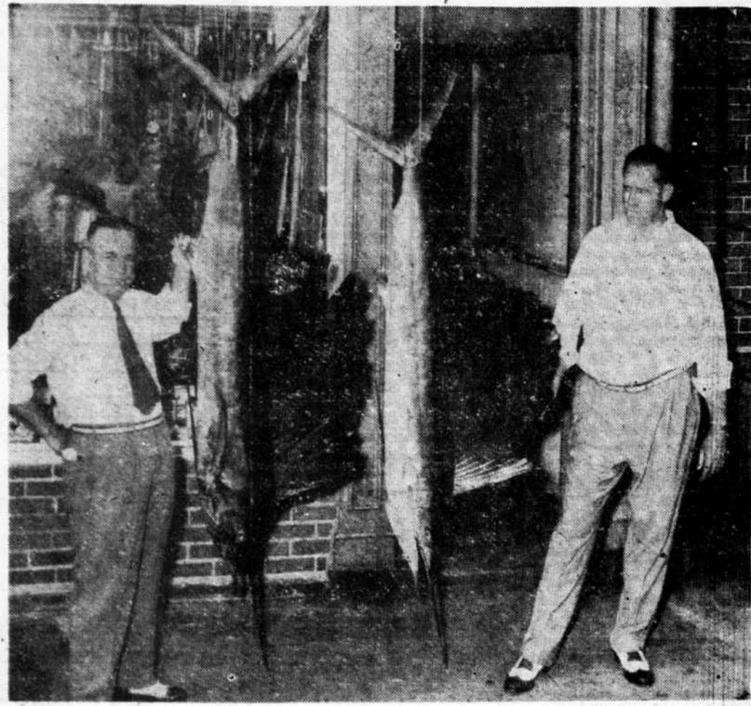
Brief News Flashes

RETURN HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gold and daughter, Caroline, returned to their home at High Point Saturday after spending two weeks at Southport and at Long Beach.

ATTENDED SHORT COURSE
Miss Anne Fulcher, of Leland, has been attending the 4-H short course in Raleigh and is now visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Williams, and family at that place.

OFFICES CLOSED
All county offices will remain closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. The regular first-of-the-month session of the board of county commissioners will be held on Wednesday of next week.

CAUGHT HERE SUNDAY



SAILFISH—Two giant sailfish, the largest measuring 7-ft, 9-in., were caught Sunday by a party of Wilmington sportsmen fishing aboard the sports fishing cruiser "Idle On" with Capt. T. H. Watts, of Southport. Shown above with their catches are Richard Lewis and Jack Newman.—(Star-News Cut.)

White Youth Being Held On Criminal Assault Count

Solicitor Clifton L. Moore Made Preliminary Investigation Into This Matter Pending Next Week's Court Term

NINE - YEAR OLD IS CHILD VICTIM

Alleged Attack Took Place Wednesday Night As Child Returned Home From Nearby Store

Thomas Hewett, 19-year old white man living near Bolivia in the Brunswick county jail charged with criminally assaulting a 9-year old white girl of the same community.

The child, according to Deputy Sheriff E. V. Leonard, was sent by its mother to a nearby store to purchase some matches Wednesday of last week at about dark.

Hewett it said to have been in the store and when the girl left he followed her, allegedly overtaking her and seizing her by the arm as she was passing a tobacco barn near the road.

He is alleged to have dragged her to the barn and assaulted her, afterwards giving her a dime and asking her not to tell. Instead of obeying she hurried home crying and told her parents about it. Hewett was arrested at the same store the following night. He is said to have made damaging admissions.

A hearing was scheduled to have been held before Judge W. J. McLamb in Recorder's court Monday. However, Solicitor Clifton Moore was here Friday night in connection with this case and other matters to be heard at next week's term of court. He carried the warrant home with him to prepare special papers for presentation to the grand jury when court convenes next week.

Hewett is being held without privilege of bond.

Factory May Be Back In Service

One Of Owners Of Southport Fish Scrap And Oil Company Indicates Plant May Be Renovated Or Rebuilt

Prospects seem to be good for the rebuilding of the old Southport Fish Scrap and Oil company plant on the inland waterway above the plant of the Brunswick Navigation company. Lewelyn Phillips, of Morehead City, one of the owners, was here this week and he stated that the plant would be in operation next year.

Should the plant be rebuilt, it is probable that it will be enlarged and its previous capacity increased. Formerly owned by Charles Gause and associates, the plant and grounds were bought several years ago by Mr. Phillips.

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Shallotte Bank Ends First Year

Period Has Been One Of Unusual Progress In Which Services Of Bank Have Played Big Role

The Shallotte office of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company rounded up its first year of operation on the 14th of this month. When interviewed Monday about this first year, Cashier J. E. Cooke expressed a great deal of satisfaction at the solid manner in which the bank has become established.

"Results from our standpoint," he said, "have exceeded all of our expectations."

From interviews with various business men at Shallotte and in the growing territory the bank is serving, as well as with farmers, it is evident that during its first year the Shallotte bank has performed a great public service.

Prior to the opening of the bank in Shallotte, the nearest banking point was about 25 miles away, and consequently, many people were put to considerable trouble to do their banking, and many others did without the convenience and protection of banking service entirely.

According to Mr. Cooke, the business is still expanding, many new accounts now being opened by tobacco growers. J. N. Coburn, executive vice president of the Waccamaw Bank, in expressing his pleasure at the progress made by the bank stated that the whole organization was glad to participate in and to assist in the rapid development of business and agriculture in Brunswick county.

The area takes in all of Kendall Pond, extends on both sides of Allen's Creek and is bounded by Orton Pond on the south, this pond area beginning about three miles above the dam and running westward.

While Orton still owns the land it is under long-time lease to the State, with hunting privileges open to no one. The main object is to afford a refuge for wild turkeys and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission says that there are already approximately 15 native wild turkeys on the tract. More will be trapped in the Unwharrie National Forest and transplanted on (Continued on page five)

Corn Crop Gives Good Promise

With Unusual Weather Conditions Causing Loss In The Corn Belt County Has Bright Outlook

With the midwest corn crop a failure, owing to dry weather and other conditions during the growing season, Brunswick county farmers are congratulating themselves on their foresight in having planted a good corn crop this year.

Along near the end of the corn growing season in 1946 farmers of this county had many exceptions.

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Urges Farmers To Stabilize Tobacco Price

Head Of County Farm Bureau Points Out That Many Farmers Have Been Selling Tobacco Below Support Level

40-CENT PER POUND AVERAGE GUARANTEED

Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corp. Is Support Agency

An urgent appeal to tobacco farmers of Brunswick county to take full advantage of government loans through the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, was made today by T. T. Ward, Longwood, president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau Federation.

Ward said that many farmers are now selling their tobacco below the 40-cent per pound average guaranteed support price which is made on a prorated grade basis. This is in keeping with the government's commitment to support tobacco prices at 90 percent of parity as of June 15 each year preceding market openings.

The tobacco farmer—the actual owner of the tobacco—is the only person who can authorize tobacco to be turned over to the Stabilization Corporation for loan purposes.

Mr. Ward quoted from a statement by Carl T. Hicks, President of the Stabilization Corporation, in appealing to Tar Heel farmers to get a fair and stable price for this year's crop. "Many farmers do not remain with their tobacco until sale is completed. Warehousemen will co-operate by setting the time of sale to enable the farmer to be present. He can then arrange for his tobacco to be placed under loan if the price falls below the support level."

To eliminate confusion on the warehouse floor, farmers may join the Stabilization Corporation prior to taking tobacco to market. Memberships may be obtained at the local tobacco warehouse or the Stabilization Corporation office, Raleigh.

Closed except for emergencies, the office of Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett took on the appearance of far above the normal week day activity Sunday when officers brought in nine prisoners, charged with selling tax paid and non-tax paid whiskey, gambling, vagrancy, public drunkenness, etc.

Along with their prisoners the officers brought in a lot of booze contained in bottles and fruit jars, punch boards and a pistol. Most of the men and women brought in gave bond and were liberated. Others went to jail in default of bond. Some of them are due to answer to three separate warrants when their cases (Continued on page 4)

little matter. It was a bad day, moon change, we are working, and all that. Despite these and other alibi's that we advanced, the doctors prescribed that we quit work, come home and go fishing with them. They offered to, and did, dig the fishing worms.

Nobody is asking, but our personal opinion is that stock in a local hotel corporation is about as good an investment as any that the Southport man or woman can make. This applies especially to those who have property and those who expect to spend the rest of their lives here. It is generally admitted that a hotel is one of the greatest local needs. We will not get one until we put up funds that will show our own confidence and attract outside funds.

Everybody is mighty considerate of us. We were on our regular trip to Shallotte Saturday and were rushing things as fast as possible when two of our Raleigh friends, both doctors, came down there to examine us on a

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They Are Catching Mulletts With Hook And Line Again

Beach Fisheries Having Little Luck, But The Story Is Out Once More Of Getting Them With Hooks

Inquiry of beach fishermen at Little Beach, Long Beach and other points on the coast brings reports of only a few small catches of mulletts being made during the past ten days. The workers say that it has been too hot and still a little too early for good runs of the fish to show up, as they stay in the creeks and river inlets waiting for a touch of cool weather.

The mulletts should soon be moving. During the past several days small boys at Southport have been getting a lot of entertainment and some spending money, fishing for them with hooks in the shallow water at the rivers edge. The fish they have been taking in this method are pretty large, some going to about two pounds.

Few people know how to fish for mulletts with any reasonable expectations of catching them with hooks. Those who do know how are able to make nice catches and get a lot of fun at the same time. Pound for pound, a mullett can put up as much fight as the best game fish. In fact, it fights so violently that it would easily break a line capable of holding any other sort of a fish of the same weight.

Calendar Of Criminal Cases Set For Next Week

Is First Time This Has Been Done In Recent Years In Connection With Criminal Term In Brunswick

NOON MONDAY IS HUNTING DEADLINE

Monday is the first open day of the season for marsh hens, but Game Protector H. T. Bowmer calls attention to a provision of the Federal law which declares that waterfowl may not be shot before noon on the opening day. The Game Protector states that he has been advised by his superior officer to enforce this feature of the regulation.

Another provision which applies to hunting marsh hens is that in addition to possessing a hunting license, it also is necessary to have a duck stamp. This applies to all persons over the age of 16 years.

Two Patrolmen For Brunswick

Men Will Be Stationed At Leland And Shallotte; Patrolman Ferguson Is Being Transferred

State Highway Patrolman C. J. Ferguson, who has been stationed in Brunswick county for the past five years, is leaving Wilmington on September 1st. He has been transferred to Sanford in Lee county. A very consecutive officer, Patrolman Ferguson will be missed by the general public in Brunswick county and especially by county officers, with whom he has always cooperated.

The change in the highway patrol system which sends patrolman Ferguson to Sanford is bringing two new officers to be based in Brunswick county. These are Patrolman J. C. Taylor, who has just finished the highway patrolman's training school, and J. C. Pierce, who is likewise just out of school.

Patrolman Taylor will be based at Leland and Patrolman Pierce at Shallotte. They will work the county from those points and will make their homes in these respective places. Co-operating with these two officers in Brunswick county will be Patrolman Duncan, who will be based in Wilmington.

Calls for Patrolman Taylor will be made to his home or office at Shallotte and for Patrolman (Continued on page six)

Special Term For Recorder

Recorder Will Hold Court Here Saturday In Effort To Clear All Matters Now Pending

To wind up cases that have been continued for sometime and to take care of the Monday overflow of work, Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor J. W. Ruark will hold a special session of the Brunswick county Recorder's court Saturday of this week.

Cases that come up between now and Saturday, as well as those that were continued Monday, will be handled at this special session. It is probable that the whole day may be taken up with trials. Court officials say that it is necessary that everything now pending in the Recorder's court be disposed of before next week's term of Superior court. Should appeals to the higher court be made in any of the cases now pending in the Recorder's court the appeals can be heard in Superior court next week.

Earlie Benton, profane language, possession and assault. Guilty of possession, not guilty as to other charges. Ordered to pay a fine of \$20.00 and costs and to be of good behavior for one year.

Lacy Dawkins, passing car in face of oncoming traffic, ordered to pay costs.

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Movement Begins For Construction Of Modern Hotel

Southport Citizens Show Inclination To Back Enthusiasm With Funds For Erection Of Hotel Building

OUTSIDE CAPITAL WILL BE SOUGHT

Evidence Of Enthusiasm Believed To Be Healthy Sign In Interesting Other Backers

Starting a movement towards the construction of a modern hotel at Southport, nineteen Southport men have pledged themselves to buy stock in a hotel corporation in sums ranging from \$500.00 up for each.

This is believed to be only a drop in the bucket towards the sum that will actually be needed. However, the 19 persons who have pledged themselves to buy stock are 19 out of 23 people who have been seen. The movement has been carried on slowly for the purpose of feeling out things. When they are approached it is felt that somewhere between 75 and 100 citizens of the town will readily subscribe to stock in different amounts.

In addition to local individuals it is understood that two large blocks of stock in the hotel will be taken by corporations and that outside money will also readily enter the undertaking.

The plan is to see how much local people will put up for the undertaking. When the effort reaches the stage where there is assurance that the Southport people are backing the project, incorporation papers will be obtained and additional stock will be sold. It is definitely believed by all interested parties that construction can be started by the first of the year. A modern 40 or 50 room hotel is the goal, and unless the funds pledged assure such a structure the matter will be dropped.

Citizens who are interested in the matter and who do not wish to wait until they are called upon may leave a pledge for the amount of stock they will take at the office of this paper. No exchange of money will be involved until the company is formed, the charter obtained and definite plans made for construction.

Qualifications Of Service Officer

Representative Of Three Legion Posts Will Recommend Candidate For Appointment By Commissioners

Delegates from American Legion Posts at Southport, Shallotte and Ash met Friday evening at Shallotte to consider the matter of making recommendations for filling the post of Veterans Service Officer for Brunswick county.

Chief result of the meeting was to draw up a list of requirements which the successful applicant must meet. These include: Service Officer must be a veteran of World War I or II. Application must be made in the handwriting of applicant. The applications must be submitted to the commander of one of the three American Legion Posts in Brunswick, and must be received on or before noon of September 1.

Headquarters for the Service Officer shall be at Supply. The office hours shall be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., five days per week. The duly appointed delegates will meet following the closing date for applications to select an applicant, who will be recommended to the board of county commissioners for appointment.

Dance Saturday Night At Shallotte

With music by one of the best orchestras appearing in this part of the state, the Shallotte Post of the American Legion is staging a big dance in the high school gymnasium Saturday night of this week.

The dance is being sponsored for the purpose of adding to the funds now available for the construction of the new American Legion home at Shallotte. This is an undertaking that the many ex-service men in the Shallotte area have very much at heart. They hope for a good attendance at the dance.

Recorder Holds Brief Session

Several Cases Disposed Of Before Judge W. J. McLamb, But Numerous Others Set For Saturday

A brief session of Recorder's court was held here Monday with several cases being disposed of. The following disposition of cases was made:

The following cases were continued to Saturday, August 30, by Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor J. W. Ruark: Russell Moore, possession for sale; Noah H. Shelly, possession of intoxicants for sale and selling beer after legal hours; Winnie Pascal, possession for purpose of sale; possession and selling beer after legal hours.

The days docket shows the following other entries: James Martin, public drunkenness, ordered to pay costs. L. C. Piver, assault, continued to September 8. George Allen, larceny, three months on the roads. Leona Moss, public drunkenness, 30 days in jail, suspended on condition that defendant leave county in 24 hours and not return for two years. John Lloyd Carey, drunken driving and reckless operation, continued to September 8th. Willie Simpson, gambling, ordered to pay costs. Rufus Conyers, gambling, ordered to pay costs. Earlie Benton, profane language, possession and assault. Guilty of possession, not guilty as to other charges. Ordered to pay a fine of \$20.00 and costs and to be of good behavior for one year. Lacy Dawkins, passing car in face of oncoming traffic, ordered to pay costs. David Hawes, improper brakes brakes and lights, continued to September 8. Oscar Larkins Shaw, no license plates on trailer, no tail lights, improper muffler, continued to September 8. (Continued on page 4)

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEELAN

"I see you have been taking Congressman Deane fishing," said Hobson Kirby, a leading Shallotte business man Saturday. "Wish you'd ask him to stop in and see me. I was in school with him." We don't know just when we will see this particular Congressman again. However, he told us he was to start building a summer home at Long Beach early in September and will probably be along soon. So here's sending him a copy of this week's paper and this little reminder that his former schoolmate will be glad if he will stop over in Shallotte for a few minutes on some of his trips.

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