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Hart Sentenced Five-Ten Years In Murder Case

Accepted Plea Of
Manslaughter After
Grand Jury Had Returned
True Bill In Murder
Charge

WOMAN GETS 15 YEARS FOR RAPE

Sellers Given Eight-
Year Term When He
Entered Manslaughter
Guilty Plea

Andrew Hart entered a plea
guilty to manslaughter here
Wednesday and was sentenced
to serve from 5 to 10 years
in the state prison for killing
his friend, Edward Wescott, in
a fight early in December. He
had been indicted by the grand
jury for murder.

Another defendant in a mur-
der trial, Allison Sellers, Wil-
son man, pleaded guilty to
manslaughter in connection with
the death of Coy Baker, also of
Brunswick, last month. He was
sentenced to serve from 8 to 12
years in prison.

The longest sentence imposed at
the January term of court which
opened Saturday was the 15
years given Tuggy Grissett fol-
lowing a directed verdict of
guilt in a rape case. His victim
is a teen-age negro girl.

Another (Bob) Sellers was
charged with reckless operation
of a motor vehicle resulting in
death. He entered a plea of
guilt to involuntary manslaughter
and was given 18 months on
probation. This judgment was
made and the defendant
remained under probation for 3
months under condition that he pay
costs, surrender his drivers
license for 12 months and make
contribution in the amount of
\$100.

Joseph F. Woodcock was found
guilty of drunk driving. Sentence
of 30 days on the roads was
imposed upon payment of costs
of \$100.00 fine.

Thomas G. Woodcock was con-
victed of public drunkenness and
sentenced to 30 days on the roads
and a fine of \$10.00.

William McMillan was given 4
months when convicted of reck-
less operation and 30 days for
operating after his license had been
revoked.

A directed verdict of not guilty
was returned in the case charged
against Mott Smith with reckless
operation.

Similar action was taken in the
case of Luther C. Piver for as-
sault and non-support.

The case of Rice, Gwynn, Jr.,
charging robbery and assault with
deadly weapon was continued
until the May term and was set
for the first case.

There was a directed verdict of
guilt in the trial of Dennis Jen-
sen for assault with a deadly
weapon and he was given 12
months.

Walter Harris entered a plea
of guilty to contend to charges of
assault with a deadly weapon.
Sentence of 12 months on the
roads was suspended upon pay-
ment of costs and a fine of
\$100.

Donald Cape Maddern pleaded
guilty to assault with a deadly
weapon and he was given 12
months.

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Brief News Flashes

BOARD TO MEET
The Brunswick County Board
of Education will meet at 3
o'clock on Monday afternoon,
February 7, in the office of the
county superintendent of schools.

BROKEN ARM
The Doshier of Southport
sustained a broken left arm while
playing Thursday. He is a mem-
ber of the popular Sandfiddler
team comprised of local
players.

CHURCH REVIVAL
Beginning next Sunday a reviv-
ing meeting lasting for a week or
more will be started at the
Methodist Church of Jesus Christ
in Southport. Rev. Melton Ford of
Vere, Texas, will have charge
of the services. Friday
night of this week a moving pic-
ture will be presented at the
church.

P. A. MEETING
The Southport Parent Teachers
Association will hold its regular
meeting Thursday night,
February 3, at 7:30 o'clock in the
school auditorium. Mr. Guy
McMillan will give an illustrat-
ed lecture on the report of the
C. E. Educational Committee. All
parents interested in the better-
ment of our schools are urged
to attend.

**NEW PEWS FOR
BAPTIST CHURCH**

The congregation of Chapel Hill
Baptist church at Shallotte is
preparing to install new pews
and otherwise improve the church
interior. Something over \$900.00
of the needed funds are already
in hand and it is said that the
work will begin shortly.

Rev. Mr. Britt of Robeson
county is now pastor of this
church. (Continued on page four)

Inaugural Parade



FLOAT—Miss Marion Frink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink of Southport, is shown as the central figure in the North Carolina float which appeared in the inaugural parade in Washington at the inauguration of President Truman. Miss Frink, who is secretary to Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle, is wearing a striking beach robe with picture sun hat. (News & Observer Cut)

Speeding Date Of Ripe Melons For Marketing

With a contractor now work-
ing with a bulldozer clearing new
land that is to go into water-
melons this year, Everett H.
Sheppard of Southport and Shiloh,
N. J., is now doing some exten-
sive farming despite the early
season.

The big acreage Mr. Sheppard
had in watermelons last year is
all to be used to grow tomato
plants this season and the land
has already received much of the
preparatory work. He will prob-
ably plant his tomato seed the
last of this month the land now
being cleared for watermelons will
go to swell his tomato plant
acreage next year.

For his melon crop Mr. Shep-
ard has bought thousands of
paper cups. These will be filled
with soil and the melons will
get their start in his 'hot'
beds. As soon as all danger of
frost is over the plants, cup and
all, will be taken to the fields
and planted. With hotbed plants
he expects to cut down the local
date for ripe watermelons by at
least 15 days.

Mr. Sheppard now has two
acres in lettuce that was set
out a month ago. It is growing
and doing fine. It is understood
he plans to grow a lot of bell
pepper plants, in addition to
tomato plants, for use on his
New Jersey farm. He may also
plant an acre or two in bell
peppers here, to see how such
operations will tie in with his
tomato plant growing.

Lions Club Dance Nets Nice Sum

Shallotte Citizens Flock To
Benefit Dance Given In
High School Gymnasium
Saturday

Approximately \$125.00 was net-
ted for the March of Dimes
Drive at the dance sponsored by
the Shallotte Lions Club at the
Shallotte high school gym Fri-
day night.

Rain and cold weather during
the late afternoon and early even-
ing did not dampen the interest
of the Shallotte folks in their
determination to make the dance
yield a nice sum for the fund.
Despite the weather the crowd
is said to have been the largest
and most orderly that has attend-
ed a dance in the neighboring
town.

The Lions Club is keenly appre-
ciative of the interest of the public
and the nice sum they are able
to turn over to the March of
Dimes as a starter.

New Pews For Baptist Church

Chapel Hill Baptist Church
At Shallotte Is Making
Good Progress Under
Leadership Of New Pas-
tor

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Polio Drive Going Strong In County

Direct Appeal Being Made
This Week To Citizens
Through Series Of Group
Meetings

School Buses Get Quick Attention

All school buses in use in
Brunswick county have been
inspected by the State Motor
Vehicle Inspection Bureau since
last Thursday. They passed the
tests and received their red
stickers, according to Ernest
Parker of Shallotte, manager
of the bus transportation sys-
tem.

Last week grand jury report
published in this weeks paper,
cites a few instances of school
buses being out of condition.
Repairs were made on these
vehicles immediately afterward
and they were run through the
lane and found in satisfactory
condition.

The point, according to Mr.
Parker, is that buses have been
gone over, put on the inspection
lane and approved since the
examination of the machines by
the grand jury.

County Agent Is Ready For Work

A. S. Knowles And Family
Have Moved Into Home
At Supply As New Agent
Assumes Duties

County Agent A. S. Knowles,
employed the first of the year
to replace J. E. Dodson who re-
tired after many years of ser-
vice among the farmers of
Brunswick county, moved his
family to Supply Saturday. This
week he is busily engaged in
getting acquainted with the farm-
ers.

Mr. Knowles stated that he
plans to meet individual and
groups of farmers as soon as
possible. He is anxious to get
acquainted and find out some-
thing of the major needs in
agricultural work and he will
work towards attaining those
needs.

He appears to be already de-
cided on one point. He stated that
it appears to him that the rais-
ing of beef cattle and the opera-
tion of small dairies would be a
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Successful Year Of Fishing Ends

Vessels Of Brunswick Navi-
gation Company Tied Up
Following Record-Break-
ing Year Of Work

Ending what was probably the
biggest season ever experienced
here for the number of boats
engaged, the menhaden fleet of
the Brunswick Navigation Com-
pany tied up at their factory
docks this week. For the next
three months or longer the boats
will be undergoing their annual
overhauling.

Not including the crew of the
John L. Morehead, which has
been idle for a month or more,
about 100 fishermen are effected
by the stop in fishing operations.
It is understood that most of the
regular factory employees have
jobs of one sort or another with
the corporation during the off
season.

In addition to the boat over-
hauling and possible rebuilding of
one of them, it is said that the
entire factory is to be gone over,
enlarged, repaired and new mach-
inery installed. The beginning of
the coming season will find the
plant able to take care of a
greatly increased production, ac-
cording to reports.

Plans are also said to be un-
der way to construct an airfield near
the factory, this field to be used
by a plane employed in spotting
fish for the ships.

The moron, he could be nothing
else, who entered two Southport
homes with criminal intent early
last Saturday morning will ulti-
mately find himself filling a date

with death. First degree burglary,
the entrance into a home in
which people are sleeping, carries
with it a death penalty. This
murderer lacks even the guaran-
tee of having a chance in the
courts. Sooner or later in his in-
vasion of homes he is likely to
meet with swift and sudden
death.

January passed on leaving be-
hind it a record of having been
the warmest such month that
can be remembered by residents
of this county. The mild weather
undoubtedly started much in early
garden planting and the planting
of seeds in beds for farm crops.
It is not unlikely that many of
these plants and early garden
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Detailed Report Of Grand Jury Made To Judge

Members Of Brunswick
County Body Of Grand
Inquest Turned In Ex-
haustive Study To Judge
Harris

SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY MANY DETAILS

Complete Report Made Of
Repairs And Additions
Needed By Schools;
Other Recommenda-
tions

Members of the Brunswick
county grand jury last week sub-
mitted to Judge W. C. Harris a
detailed report of their findings,
going into minute detail about
deficiencies in schools and school
buses. Following is the full text
of that report:

"IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
"24 JANUARY, 1949
"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
"COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK
"To the Honorable W. C. Har-
ris, Judge of Superior Court:

"The grand jury was in session
for four days, beginning Monday,
January 24 to January 27.

"The grand jury passed on
sixteen true bills and two not
true.

"Road leaving from Alfred
Browns to Paul Hewitt's place
is too narrow for cars to pass
each other in safety. This road
is a school bus route and should
be investigated.

"We the Grand Jury have visit-
ed and thoroughly examined the
public schools, county jail, county
home, state prison camp and
court house. We have checked
reports of the following and find
that the justice of the peace and
mayors have turned in to the
school fund the amount set op-
posite their names since last
term of Superior court.

H. F. Mintz \$145, C. F. Ganey
\$25, Coy Duval \$60, M. L. Gallo-
way \$32, Elliot Tripp \$15, J. H.
Canady \$0, J. C. Tucker \$80.
Total \$387.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

Bolivia High School: 1. Ditches
need cleaning on play ground.
2. The septic tanks need cleaning
and need to be repaired, back of
gym. 3. Grade school playground
needs to be repaired and cleaned
of materials. 4. Ditch back of
lunchroom needs cleaning. 5. A
new grease trap is needed in lunch-
room. 6. The wiring in the lunch-
room needs to be checked. 7.
Broken windows and sashes need
to be replaced. 8. The septic tank
on right of building needs to be
cleaned. 9. Two commodes in
girls restroom needs repairing.
10. Window sash needs to be re-
placed in gym. 11. Plaster needs
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REA Officials In Washington

Superintendent E. D. Bishop
And Eleven Directors At-
tending National Conven-
tion

Accompanied by Manager E. D.
Bishop of the Brunswick REA,
eleven of the directors of the
Brunswick Electric Membership
Corporation left Sunday morning
for Washington, D. C. to attend
the National Rural Electrical
Cooperative Association Conven-
tion.

The party, residents of Bruns-
wick, will be in Washington for
several days.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Patrolman C. M. Cummings, a
very sympathetic and friendly
officer, asked us to write some-
thing for this column. He wanted
us to ask parents to caution
their little tots against the dan-
ger of playing near the highways
or running across them. We feel
just as this officer does about it.
We do not want to hear of the
hope and joy of some home being
ground to death under a passing
car. We hope parents will do as
this and other officers ask—cau-
tion their small tots to be care-
ful.

State Engineers Inspect Bridge

Crew Of State Highway
Employees Are Located
Here For Purpose Of In-
specting Several Projects

An engineering crew of half a
dozen men from the State High-
way Department arrived here
Monday morning and may be here
for some time inspecting various
bridges and road work in the
county.

One of the men said that until
the arrival of the District Engi-
neer they lacked complete in-
formation regarding all of the
work they were to do. However,
it was intimated that in addition
to work at various points in the
county they had a job on the river
road.

It is understood that this re-
ference to the river road was
relative to the old wooden bridge
at Walden Creek.

Several months ago State High-
way Patrolman J. C. Taylor is
reported to have declared that he
would close this bridge to all
traffic if some repairs were not
made on it immediately. Tem-
peratures were in the
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Brunswick Votes To Put Stop To Legal Sales Of Beer & Wine In 60 Days

Drys Mark Up Victory By
Margin Of About Two To
One As Result Of Satur-
day's Special Election

SOUTHPORT - LELAND VOTE FOR BEER

Shallotte, Bolivia And Sup-
ply Follow Rural Precincts
In Vote To Outlaw
Sales

Precinct	For Beer		For Wine		Against Wine
	For Beer	For Wine	For Beer	For Wine	
Hoods Creek	24	30	24	30	50
Shallotte	91	119	119	150	150
Town Creek	50	42	42	180	180
Bolivia	42	180	180	41	41
Southport No. 1	154	63	155	68	68
Southport No. 2	200	48	202	47	47
Mosquito	15	30	15	29	29
Supply	32	152	32	152	152
Secession	27	126	23	126	126
Shallotte	77	126	77	125	125
Frying Pan	59	119	59	119	119
Grissettown	51	67	51	59	59
Shingletree	25	179	21	108	108
Longwood	13	91	12	94	94
Ash	90	213	94	213	213
Waccamaw	30	125	29	126	126
Exum	15	59	15	58	58
TOTAL	970	1813	963	1734	

Midnight Intruder Enters Two Homes

Southport Woman Awakened
By Chloroform Soaked
Rag Being Pressed
Across Her Face While
Asleep Saturday

Fishermen Will Meet Saturday

Anxious to get their views,
Representative Odell Williamson
is asking that all fishermen,
shrimpers and oystermen meet
with him at the Shallotte high
school Saturday afternoon at
2 o'clock. He plans for a general
discussion of what the commer-
cial fishermen, oystermen etc.,
think they need in the way of
legislation.

Inasmuch as there are hun-
dreds of Brunswick residents
interested in some angle of the
fishing or oystering industry it
is believed that some of them
may have helpful suggestions.
In any event Representative
Williamson would like a good
attendance at this meeting and
he would like to receive the
views of all who care to ex-
press them.

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Amuzu Theatre Giving Benefit

Late Show Tomorrow (Thur-
sday) Night Will Be For
Benefit Of Doshier Mem-
orial Hospital Auxiliary

The facilities of the Amuzu
Theatre in Southport are being
donated by the management to-
morrow (Thursday) evening for
a late show beginning at 10:30
o'clock, the full proceeds of
which will go to the Doshier
Memorial Hospital Auxiliary to
help pay for the new electric
range.

The feature attraction is
"Lydia", starring Joseph Cotten.
"We are donating the use of
the theatre," says Manager B.
L. Furlless. "The operator and
the ushers are donating their
services; the film is being avail-
able without charge from Film
Classics, Inc.; in fact, the only
thing that will not be free is
the candy—and Bill says that
I'll have to charge for that."

A large crowd is expected to
attend, being attracted by the
cause for which the proceeds are
to go, the novelty of a late show
and the drawing power of a
good picture with a popular star.

Minstrel Show Set For Leland

Entertainment Will Be Pre-
sented Friday Night With
Proceeds Going For School
Lunchroom Equipment

With the proceeds to go to-
wards paying obligations incur-
red in equipping the lunch room,
the Leland Parent Teachers As-
sociation is sponsoring an Old
Time Minstrel Show in the school
auditorium at Leland Friday
night of this week at 8 o'clock.

In the play James Padrick
will fill the post of stage man-
ager; the music will be directed
by Mrs. Charles Allen with Harry
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Youth Fellowship Of County Meets

Sub-District Of Methodist
Youth Fellowship Organ-
ized At Trinity Methodist
Church Wednesday

Last Wednesday the young
people of the Methodist churches
of Brunswick county met at
Trinity Methodist church in
Southport to organize a Sub-
District of the Youth Fellowship
recently in the large gathering
and Zion church in Town Creek
township led in the attendance.

Upon their arrival the young
visitors were invited into a room
where they registered. Each was
given a card with his or her name
on it.

From the registration room the
young folks assembled on the
church grounds and played games
until they were invited into the
dining hall, where they found a
delicious picnic supper awaiting
them.

Following the supper all gath-
ered in the church auditorium
where Charles Cadill and Wilma
Grant led in singing fellowship
songs. This singing preceded
several discussions that were
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Tide Table

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

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday February 3,	
11:11 A. M.	5:04 A. M.
11:36 P. M.	5:29 P. M.
Friday February 4,	
11:48 A. M.	5:47 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
Saturday February 5,	
0:20 A. M.	6:37 A. M.
12:30 P. M.	6:55 P. M.
Sunday February 6,	
1:12 A. M.	7:37 A. M.
1:23 P. M.	7:48 P. M.
Monday February 7,	
2:11 A. M.	8:41 A. M.
2:24 P. M.	8:50 P. M.
Tuesday February 8,	
3:11 A. M.	9:47 A. M.
3:29 P. M.	9:54 P. M.
Wednesday February 9,	
4:14 A. M.	10:50 A. M.
4:34 P. M.	10:54 P. M.