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Meeting Members For Fishermen Group In County

Meeting Being Held To-
night (Wednesday) In
Courthouse To Form
Chapter Of North Caro-
lina Fishermen Co-op-
erative

Meeting At Shallotte Point On Thursday

Meeting Plant Has Been Com-
pleted And Work Of
Planning And Packing
Will Begin Between
The First And Sev-
enth Of October

Meeting is being held tonight
(Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock in
Brunswick county courthouse
for the purpose of organizing a
chapter of the North Caro-
lina Fishermen Co-operative. A
later meeting will be held on
Thursday night at the same time
at Tripp's store at Shallotte

These two chapters will be the
first organized among fishermen
in this county and everyone in-
terested in learning more about
the plan of the Fishermen's Co-
operative should attend one of
the meetings.

Following these organization
meetings, everything will be in
preparation for the opening of the
cooling and canning plant in
the North Carolina Fisher-
men Co-operative some time be-
tween the first and seventh of
October.

S. Prescott and C. J. Gause
will be present at both meetings
to explain plans for the organi-
zation. They are anxious to im-
press upon the fishermen that the
cooling and canning plant is not
a relief project nor is it a gov-
ernment operated plant. It has
been built and turned over to the
fishermen to run on a co-opera-
tive plan which officials hope will
work out as satisfactorily for
the fishermen as the various
programs have been for the
members of the nation.

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Looking Over The Headlines

News Events Of State,
Nation and World-Wide
Interest During Past
Week

Wednesday

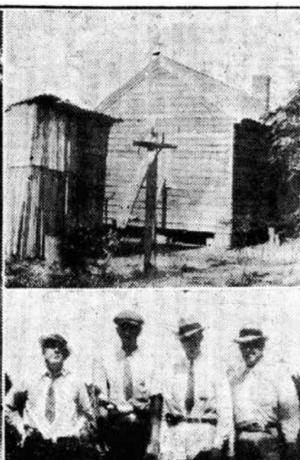
Max Baer, former heavy-
weight boxing champion of the
world, fell victim to the savage
slaughter of Joe Lewis, sensa-
tional Detroit negro, Tuesday
night. The battle ended with
a knockout in the fourth
round. More than ninety
thousand persons paid nearly
\$1,000,000 to see the battle. . .
Seventy thousand members of
the American Legion marched
Monday in the opening parade
of the annual National Conven-
tion, in session this week in
St. Louis. . . Coal miners con-
tinued their strike Monday. . .
Operators rejected the "take it
or leave it" ultimatum of John
L. Lewis, president of the min-
ers union. . . Announcement was
made Tuesday from London
that hopes for the preservation
of peace in Europe are some-
what brighter as Mussolini in-
dicated that there was a possi-
bility of reaching an agree-
ment within the League coun-
cils.

Tuesday

Tobacco prices took an up-
ward trend Monday, but did not
reach parity. . . The job drive
was given added impetus Mon-
day when President Roosevelt
added another billion dollars to
the WPA fund. . . The color-
ful National Convention of the
American Legion got underway
today in St. Louis. . . James
McCauley Landis, a member of
the original "brain trust" was
appointed Monday as chairman
of the securities commission for
the United States. . . Five per-
sons and fourteen race horses
were killed Monday when a fast
passenger train of the Chicago
and Eastern Illinois railroads
was wrecked.

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Where Murder Was Committed



Above are three pictures in connection with the Jenerette murder trial to be held here next week. At the left is Willie Ganus, brother of the murdered man, pointing to the spot where he found the body of Louis W. Ganus. On the right, above, is a view of the home of the deceased. Below are the four men who played a major part in solving the case and securing a confession from Dillon Jenerette. Reading from left to right, the men are: G. V. Fesperman, Southport Attorney, Deputy Sheriff Melvin Lewis and Detectives A. A. Nelms and J. B. Russ, of the National Bureau of Investigation.

Much Interest In The Approaching Term Of Superior Court Here

Jenerette Murder Case, Expected To Attract Largest
Court Week Crowds To Southport Since The
Famous Stewart Trial

The October term of Brunswick county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday and the Jenerette murder case, scheduled as the first to be tried is expected to attract the largest court week crowd since the famous Stewart murder trial. Judge Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford, will be the presiding jurist.

There is great county-wide in-
terest in the approaching murder
trial. Jenerette has admitted that
he shot Louis W. Ganus, but de-
clares the killing was accidental
and that fright caused him to
conceal the body of the dead
man. The state will attempt to
prove that the killing was a case
of first degree murder.

Another case that is sure to
attract considerable interest out
of the county is the one in
which Lee Fun Howe, Chinese
laundryman of Wilmington, will
face charges of the hit-and-run
killing of Clinton Hewett last
April.

Local Committee To Adjust Debts

H. B. Ludlum, of Southport,
Chairman Of Volunteer
Debt Adjustment Com-
mittee For Brunswick
County

Work of the volunteer debt ad-
justment committee in Brunswick
county is being continued and ex-
panded under the supervision of
the Resettlement Administration.
H. B. Ludlum, Southport, is
chairman and E. H. Kirby, Sup-
ply, secretary of the local com-
mittee.

The debt adjustment program,
inaugurated in 1935 by the Farm
Credit Administration, has been
transferred by President Roose-
velt to the Resettlement Admin-
istration. An allocation of two
million dollars from the Works
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Jailed Following Shooting Spree

Fred Fulford, local white man,
is in the Brunswick county jail
following a promiscuous shooting
spree in which he indulged Satur-
day night at Shallotte. He is re-
ported to have endangered the
lives of several citizens of that
community.

Southport To Be Included On The Carolinas Tour

Coleman W. Roberts, Presi-
dent Of The Carolinas,
Incorporated, Was Visit-
or Here Monday While
Mapping Itinerary

TRAVEL EXECUTIVES WILL COMPRISE PARTY

Forty Or Fifty Leading
Northern And Eastern
Travel Executives Prob-
ably Will Make The
Trip, Which Will
Be Through The
Two Carolinas

Coleman W. Roberts, president
of The Carolinas Incorporated,
was a Southport visitor Monday
and talked with local citizens
concerning a tour which will be
conducted from October 14th
through the 24th for the benefit
of more than two score northern
and eastern travel executives.

The purpose of the tour will be
to reveal heretofore unknown trav-
el markets to these men who
specialize in mapping out tours,
and outstanding points of interest
in North and South Carolina will
be included on the itinerary.

Neither the exact day nor the
hour when these distinguished
visitors will reach Southport has
yet been determined. The party
will come here from Myrtle
Beach, S. C. where they will
spend the previous night, and
will continue on to Wilmington.
If arrangements can be made to
have them here at noon, a sea
food luncheon will be served. An
outstanding feature of their stop
here will be a boat ride over the
harbor and possibly out to the
fishing grounds.

Mr. Roberts appeared to be
very much interested in South-
port and promised to give the
party as much time as possible
here.

County Schools Opened Tuesday

Large Enrollment Noted At
Three Of The Five White
Schools In The County;
Many Parents Attended
Opening Exercises Here

The white schools of Brun-
swick county opened Monday for
their fall term and reports from
three of the five schools indicate
that first-day attendance was
very encouraging.

At Southport, where C. A. Led-
ford is beginning his first year
as principal, more than a hun-
dred patrons and friends of the
school attended the opening exer-
cises. Although no official check
was made of enrollment, crowded
conditions in two or three of the
class rooms indicated an unusu-
ally large attendance.

Principal H. D. Epting reported
successful opening day exercises
at Leland. There was a large
number of visitors present for
the chapel program and the Le-
land school apparently was away
to a fine start.

Principal O. C. Johnson of the
Bolivia school was particularly
well pleased with high school en-
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Story Of Sailboat Race Recalls Another Fourth Of July Contest

Three weeks ago there ap-
peared in The Pilot a story
of the Fourth of July victory
of the "Elizabeth Stevens" in
the annual Fourth of July
sailboat race held here in
1895. Captain D. W. Fulcher
piloted his speedy little boat
to victory.

The story apparently aroused
the interest of other old
timers who participated in
the races for P. C. Tharp, lo-
cal barber, has hunted up a
handsome silver pitcher which
he won in the annual celebra-
tion five years earlier, in
1890.

The race that year, Mr.
Tharp recalls, attracted more
than forty entries. The race
course began at the combina-
tion dock, ran up the river to
the yellow buoy at Pearce's
Creek, thence down the river
to the number 5 red buoy and

Uncle Jim Lewis Has Been In Local Post Office 25 Years

During That Time He Has
Served Under Six Differ-
ent Postmasters; Has
Handled Millions Of
Pieces of Mail

OLD DARKIE HAS NUMEROUS DUTIES

Serves As Mail Dispatcher,
Janitor and General
Handy Man At Post Of-
fice; Is at Beck and
Call of Southport
Citizens

Twenty-five years of unbroken
service, over two and one-half
million letters dispatched, more
than 50,000 parcel post packages
stamped and handled and fully
fifty thousand special delivery let-
ters delivered—that is the statis-
tical record of Uncle Jim Lewis,
highly respected colored employ-
ee of the Southport post office.

There is no way to check the
number of times that Southport
citizens have rushed around to
the back door of the post office
with a breathless plea to Uncle
Jim to please get off their last
minute letter, nor is there any
way to figure the countless other
little favors that he has granted;
but these are the things that
have endeared him to patrons of
the Southport post office.

Six men who have served over
him as postmaster appreciate bet-
ter than anyone else Uncle Jim's
value as a postal clerk. He be-
gan his work in the post office



UNCLE JIM LEWIS

when R. W. Davis was postmas-
ter. The others were: Howard
Curtiss, Robert Newton, D. O.
Daniels, S. W. Watts and L. T.
Yaskell, the present postmaster.
There is a table in the back
of the postoffice which other
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Gracious Letter Received From Attractive Survivor Of Dixie

R. O. Johnson, secretary of
the Port City Civic Club, re-
ceived the following gracious
letter last week from Miss
Sylvia Elgutter of Baton
Rouge, La., who Southport
citizens will remember as the
attractive young lady who
landed here three weeks ago
from the Texas Oil tanker
Reaper with nine other pas-
sengers that had been picked
up off the ill-fated liner Dixie:

Dear Mr. Johnson:—
It was almost worth being
shipwrecked to have had the
opportunity to come to your
community, and to meet the
hospitable people there. I
can't tell you how wonderful
we felt when we set foot on
land in Southport, and were

greeted by so many friendly
faces. My parents join me in
thanking all of you for your
kindness.

My congratulations to
Southport on the approval of
the port terminal project. I
hope some day I'll be able to
visit again and see its com-
pletion.

Mother and Daddy send
best regards.

Bestest to you.

SYLVIA ELGUTTER.
Mr. Johnson sent Miss El-
gutter a copy of The State
Port Pilot in which there ap-
peared an account of their
landing in Southport. In the
same issue announcement was
made of the port terminal
project, hence her reference
and kind wishes for the suc-
cess of the development.

School Principal Kills Big Rattler

O. C. Johnson, principal of the
Bolivia school in this county, was
a visitor in Southport Monday
and told of running over a huge
rattlesnake Sunday afternoon.

The reptile was 5 feet 2 inches
long, 5 inches across the back
and weighed 10 pounds. His sig-
nal system was equipped with 15
rattles. Several old timers who
saw the snake declared it to be
one of the largest ever killed in
the Bolivia community.

This was the fourth rattlesnake
which Mr. Johnson has run over
and killed this summer.

Two Injured By Shots In Dark

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bab-
son Shot Last Thursday
Night While Asleep In
Their Home; Jesse Mc-
Keithan, White, Admits
Shooting

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Babson,
of Ash community, were injured
Thursday night when they were
fired upon by a shot gun while
they were asleep in the bed room
of their home. Jesse McKeithan,
young white man of the same
community, was arrested Friday
morning by Sheriff Jasper Russ
and admitted that he fired the
shots.

According to reports of the
shooting, Mr. Babson and Mc-
Keithan were in an argument
earlier in the evening over some
money. Enraged over this discus-
sion, McKeithan went to his
home, secured a shot gun and re-
turned to the scene of the shoot-
ing.

After firing through one win-
dow at the sleeping couple the
midnight assailant is reported to
(Continued on Page 8.)

Short Session Of Recorder's Court

Judge Peter Rourke presided
over a short session of Recorders
court here last Wednesday.

The case against Afton Smith
for violation of the city milk or-
dinance was dismissed, but coun-
sel for the city has appealed to
the Superior court.

The case against W. C. Smith
for violation of the game laws
was continued for a week.

Citizens Raising Funds to Support Port Commission

Citizen's Fund Committee
Was Appointed At Mass
Meeting Held Last Mon-
day Night In The Court-
house

GOAL OF \$1,000 IS SET AS OBJECTIVE

Funds Contributed Will Be
Used To Defray Necess-
ary Expenses Of Port
Commission In Push-
ing Project Through
To Approval

A citizens fund committee was
appointed last week at a mass
meeting held in the Brunswick
county courthouse to raise funds
to defray the necessary expenses
of the Brunswick County-South-
port Port Commission as this
body continues its work to secure
final approval by PWA officials
in Washington of the \$4,000,000
port terminal project for South-
port.

An unofficial report of this
committee early Tuesday morn-
ing indicated that approximately
\$200 of this amount already has
been raised and practically every
citizen in Southport has pledged
some contribution.

The largest donation made so
far was from the Southport In-
vesting and Promoting Company,
which gave \$100. Several other
business firms and private in-
dividuals have made substantial
contributions.

R. O. Johnson is chairman of
the citizens fund committee. Other
members are: Dr. William S.
Doshier, C. Ed Taylor, J. J.
Loughlin, Jr., and S. Fodale.

Prospects for securing the port
development here appear to be
better every day. Numerous let-
ters of encouragement have been
received by the port commission
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Parents Favor Rental System

Opportunity To Rent Books
For One-Third Purchase
Price Apparently Ap-
peals To Elders; Must
Purchase Some Books

Parents of school children in
this county apparently are in
favor of the text book rental
system which goes into effect
for the first time this year if
first day reactions are any true
indication.

Although it still will be neces-
sary to purchase most of the
high school books and one or two
of the grammar grade books, the
opportunity to rent most of them
at one-third the regular purchase
price apparently appeals to par-
ents. Provision has been made to
sell any book outright to anyone
who does not wish to use the
rental plan.

Books included in the rental
list are being handled through
the office of the county super-
intendent of schools. The county
superintendent is sending the
(Continued on page eight.)

Tide Table

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

High Tide	Low Tide
Wednesday, September 25	
5:58 a. m.	
6:13 p. m.	12:10 p. m.
Thursday, September 26	
6:36 a. m.	0:28 a. m.
6:15 p. m.	12:50 p. m.
Friday, September 27	
7:12 a. m.	1:05 a. m.
7:29 p. m.	1:29 p. m.
Saturday, September 28	
7:47 a. m.	1:39 a. m.
8:04 p. m.	2:06 p. m.
Sunday, September 29	
8:20 a. m.	2:11 a. m.
8:38 p. m.	2:41 p. m.
Monday, September 30	
8:52 a. m.	2:41 a. m.
9:12 p. m.	3:18 p. m.
Tuesday, October 1	
9:25 a. m.	3:12 a. m.
9:48 p. m.	3:53 p. m.