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Need For Yacht Basin Mentioned By Many Visitors

Executive Secretary Of The Southport Civic Club Will Seek Government Aid In Providing A Stopping Place

BELIEVES MANY BOATS WOULD STOP

Majority Of Hundreds Of Yachts Which Pass Here Annually Stop Overnight And Would Stay Longer

A determined effort will be made by the Southport Civic Club to have a yacht basin dredged out, either at some point above or below Southport or at Fort Caswell where the government formerly had a basin for the use of its small boats. The point in favor of Caswell is that to secure the desired factor it would only be necessary to go to the nominal expense of cleaning out an old basin.

The executive secretary of the Civic Club has visited more than 100 yachts here in the past twelve months the boats stopping to take on coal and to spend the night before proceeding on their southern journey. A remarkable fact in connection with interviewing every owner or captain is that not one has refused to sign a letter to the Treasury Department asking for the basing of a small Coast Guard Cutter at Southport. Satisfied with the 100 per cent response of the boatmen to the effort to secure the cutter, W. B. Keziah, executive secretary of the club has been astonished at the interest manifested by the boatmen towards another matter. They are about 100 per cent in asking why Southport has no yacht basin in which the hundreds of yachts that pass each month may moor or anchor for the night, or a few days, in safety.

They point out that this is an ideal stopping point for 95 per cent or more of the yachts going to and from Florida, that many of them arrive here late and are unable to secure a dock;

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Little Bits Of Big News

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

Pope Is Worse

Pope Pius' breath came with difficulty Tuesday night after he suffered a relapse from ailments which have kept him in bed ten days, Vatican sources said. The set-back in the previous improvement of the 79-year-old pontiff—whose legs are partly paralyzed and who also suffers from the infirmities of old age—was understood to have been brought on by his increased exertions.

Executed

With horror and panicky fears of still graver troubles to follow, China early Tuesday heard the rebel Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang coldly announce by radio that death had been dealt to General Chiang Kai-Shek, active head of the Chinese state, and several of his ranking generals. General Chiang and his fellow generals were made prisoners the last week by Chang Hsueh-Liang at Sianfu, Shensi province, from which city the rebel leader broadcast his story.

President Returns

President Roosevelt returned Tuesday night to a capital once already quickening to the tempo of his second term, arriving by special train from Charleston, S. C., where he landed Tues. morning after a trip to the Buenos Aires peace conference, the chief executive was greeted by Vice-President Garner, members of his cabinet and Mrs. Roosevelt. The President's wife boarded the train shortly after it rolled in to the station and then motored to the White House with Mr. Roosevelt.

Down To Business

George VI set about building a reputation as "the business king" Monday by spending minutes transacting state business while his family waited at home to celebrate his forty-

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Jesse C. Walker Finally Is Granted Pardon In Oklahoma

Man Who Murdered Sheriff Jack Stanaland, Of Brunswick County, Receives Second Pardon Within Year

Jesse C. Walker, 52-year-old former resident of Columbus county, who earned the title of a modern Jean Valjean eighteen months ago by returning to N. C. State prison and surrendering on an unexpired prison sentence, walked from Oklahoma State prison a free man last Friday.

Walker, having gained a pardon in this state from a sentence for the slaying of Sheriff Jack Stanland in Brunswick county nearly two decades ago, only to be carried to prison in Oklahoma to serve another sentence there for manslaughter, was last week granted a pardon by the governor of Oklahoma, relatives here were informed.

Meanwhile, Walker, who is a relative of many of the Columbus county Walkers and was born and reared near Whiteville, has returned to Gulfport, Miss., where before he voluntarily returned to pay his debt to society nearly two years ago, he was a respectable jeweler.

It was back in 1916 that Walker shot and killed Sheriff Stanland as the latter was attempting to arrest him on a minor charge. He escaped from the N. C. prison in 1919, and fled to Oklahoma. Convicted there of manslaughter, he was sentenced to prison, but again escaped and established residence in Gulfport, Miss. under the name of Jack Manning, and there lived a respectable life as a jeweler.

But his conscience got the best of him, and he voluntarily returned to get right with his Maker, and pay his debt to society.

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Governor Ehringhaus Asks That Submarine Stop Here

In Letter To Secretary Of Navy The Governor Requests That Visiting Submarine Stop Here On Way To Wilmington

SCHEDULED TO GET HERE JANUARY 14

Governor Tells Secretary That It Is His Will And Desire To Make This Visit To Both Places

As a result of communications during the past week between W. B. Keziah, secretary the Southport Civic Club, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus relative to the proposed visit of the U. S. submarine Perch, the following copy of a letter from the governor to the Secretary of the Navy was received Tuesday morning by Mr. Keziah:

"The Honorable,
"The Secretary of the Navy,
"Washington, D. C.
"Dear Sir:

"This acknowledges with thanks and interest yours of the 12th advising that the U. S. S. Perch on its shakedown cruise will visit the port of Wilmington, North Carolina, arriving January 14th and departing January 19th. In its trip to Wilmington it passes through the city of Southport, at the mouth of the Cape Fear, and this enterprising and attractive county seat is making all plans and efforts to co-operate in a proper reception, and I trust that arrangements may be made to stop at Southport on the way to

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LIGHTING CONTEST AROUSES INTEREST

Southport citizens are showing unusual interest in the announcement last week of the annual Christmas tree lighting contest sponsored by members of the Women's Club.

Prizes will be awarded this year for the prettiest living tree, the prettiest porch or yard tree not growing, and for the best lighted home.

A group of judges will be appointed by Mrs. Joe W. Ruark, president of the club, to visit the homes of contestants on Christmas eve. All entrants should notify Mrs. Ruark in order that their entry may be called to the attention of the judges.

Baptists Selected Rev. A. L. Brown

Benson Minister Accepts Call To Fill Pulpit Left Vacant By Resignation Of The Rev. T. H. Biles

The Rev. A. L. Brown, of Benson, has accepted a call to fill the pastorate of the Southport Baptist church, a position left vacant by the resignation of the Rev. T. H. Biles.

The Rev. Mr. Brown filled the local pulpit several weeks ago. At a recent meeting of the congregation members of the church voted to extend the call to him. His letter of acceptance was read last Wednesday night at prayer meeting. The new minister was here Sunday and preached at both the morning and the evening ser-

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PLAN TO MOVE

The Joel Moore family, which has occupied the Baptist parsonage while repairs were being made at the Moore home, plans to move this week.

May Apply For Payments Soon

According to County Agent J. E. Dodson, application forms are being prepared upon which farmers may apply for payment for compliance with the soil conservation program during 1936.

Notice will be sent the farmers when these forms are completed and plans for the signing will be announced.

Visiting Yachts Join In Request For A Coast Guard Cutter Here

The "Winsome Too," beautiful 56-foot racing schooner yacht with her home port at East Hampton, N. Y., came down the inland waterway and river through the dense fog of the early hours of Saturday morning. She docked here for a few hours and then put to sea for the outside run to Miami.

Captain D. G. Houston was in command and the beautiful little boat carried a crew of typical New England sailors. The boat was probably the handsomest craft of her size that has ever made port here. Of special interest was her towering 80-foot mast and boom made of beautiful finished plywood. When one of the crew was interrogated regarding the cost of the mast and boom he replied that he did not know but that he understood that it was ten thousand dollars.

Among magazines devoted to water sports the Winsome Too has figured prominently during recent months. She was one of the craft participating in the New York to Bermuda races last August.

Another interesting and beautiful sailing yacht arriving and leaving at the same time with the Winsome Too was the Babies, Captain P. Hallerg in command. Except for being built less on racing lines and having a less expensive mast, she was about the same size all over as the Winsome Too. The Babies is owned by Dr. Walton, famous baby specialist of City Island, N. Y.

Yachts from seven states registered requests here Saturday for the basing of a medium sized Coast Guard Cutter at Southport for the protection of shipping on the Cape Fear River, the inland waterway and along our coast. The state of New York was represented by four different boats, North Carolina and Connecticut, each had two and Rhode Island, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maine each had one. So far Vermont has not been represented in the approximately 100 boats that have come through and asked for the protecting cutter.

Since W. B. Keziah, of the Southport Civic Club, began boarding the yachts on December 4th, not a single owner or Captain in charge has refused or hesitated for an instant in the matter of signing the request for the cutter. Many of those contacted have gone further than mere-

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County Citizens Ask For Power Line From Here

Representatives Met With Southport Board Of Aldermen Last Thursday Night Relative To Extension Of Line

SEVERAL SECTIONS ARE INTERESTED

Shallotte Residents Already Having Signed Up Agreeing To Consume Certain Amount Of Power Monthly

A group of citizens representing the communities of Supply, Shallotte, Hickmans Cross Roads and Thomasboro, came before the Southport board of aldermen on Thursday night and asked for an estimate of the cost of running an electric power line from here through that section of the county.

This group of men were following up a meeting held several weeks ago at the Shallotte high school at which time a committee was appointed to investigate the various possibilities for supplying electric power.

Appointed on that committee were: R. D. White, chairman, Dr. E. D. Bishop, Dr. H. M. Rourk, Supply; Sam Bennett, Hickman's Cross Roads; E. C. Thomas, of Thomasboro.

With new equipment already being installed at the Southport power plant, city officials were immediately interested in the prospect of new customers. A committee from the board of aldermen was appointed to go to Raleigh the first of this week and learn from the North Carolina Rural Electrification authority what steps must be followed in making plans to run a power line into the lower end of the county.

Numerous Cases In County Court

Busy Session Of Recorder's Court Held Here Last Wednesday Before Judge Joe W. Ruark

A number of cases were disposed of here in Recorder's Court last Wednesday before Judge Joe W. Ruark.

Joe Thomas, white, pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny and was given 6 months on the roads. This sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior.

Carlie Johnson, colored, was given 90 days on the roads when convicted on a charge of being a nuisance. Notice of appeal was given and bond of $200 was posted.

Luther Smith, white, was found guilty of operating an automobile without license, but judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Cornelius Bellamy, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle with improper licenses. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs when the defendant showed that he had procured the proper license.

Ivory Ross, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating an automobile with improper operator's licenses. Judgment was suspended when the defendant exhibited a receipt showing that he had purchased the license.

George White, white, was found not guilty of making an assault with a deadly weapon. The state appealed from this verdict.

H. D. Williams, white, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless operation of a motor vehicle. He was required to pay a fine of $25.00 and the costs of his case.

Charlie Milliken, white, was charged with driving a mule and wagon on the public highway without lights, but the case was nol prossed.

P.-T. A. Will Meet Friday Evening

The Southport Parent-Teachers Association will meet Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium for a special program and talk.

The first half of the meeting will be given over to a concert of Christmas songs by members of the Southport high school glee club, under the direction of Miss Maye Ledford.

During the latter part of the program, Dr. A. McR. Crouch, Wilmington baby specialist, will make a talk especially for the mothers. J. Berg, president of the local association, urges a full attendance at the meeting.

Pension Checks For Widows In Office Of Clerk

Semi-Annual Pension Checks For Widows Of Confederate Veterans Arrived At Local Office This Week

LAST CONFEDERATE VETERAN IS DEAD

John Wescott, Last Brunswick County Survivor, Passed During This Year; Payments Being Called For

The semi-annual pension checks for widows of Confederate veterans arrived Monday at the office of Clerk of Court B. J. Holden and are being distributed this week.

Twenty-two checks, paying a total of $1,300.00 to wives of former grey-clad soldiers, were included. The two class "A" checks were for $150.00 each, while the 20 class "B" checks were for $50.00 each.

There was no check for a veteran, Brunswick county's last survivor, John Wescott, having passed during this year.

Following is a list of the widows for whom checks were received:

Class "A": Mrs. Rebecca Styron and Mrs. Mary E. Swain.

Class "B": Mrs. Lydia A. Benton, Mrs. Henrietta Carlisle, Mrs. H. V. Cox, Mrs. Fannie G. Davis, Mrs. Annie K. Ferguson, Mrs. Ellie Gray, Mrs. Alice W. McKeithan, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Addie L. Morgan, Mrs. Arnecy G. Murrell, Mrs. Mary E. Phelps, Mrs. Fannie Robinson, Mrs. Lucy A. Ross, Mrs. P. M. Russ, Mrs. Nancy Jane Sellers, Mrs. Rebecca Simmons, Mrs. R. E. Vereen, Mrs. Helno Caroline White, Mrs. Mary Anne Williams and Mrs. Mary E. Wilson.

Sees Early End To This Session

Representative R. E. Sentelle, In Southport During The Week-End, Says The Special Session May End Today

Representative R. E. Sentelle, in Southport during the past week-end, stated that he expects the special session of the North Carolina General Assembly, called by the governor for the purpose of passing Social Security Legislation, to come to a close early this week, possibly Wednesday.

At the opening of the session the legislators pledged themselves to the consideration of only this one bill, said Representative Sentelle. It was passed in the lower house before adjournment for the week-end and the state senate began working on it Monday night.

Representative Sentelle attracted state-wide attention Thursday when he made a speech declaring that the act had been prepared by state experts who had consulted Washington officials in order to keep their bill in line with those of other states. He stated that he was willing to "follow their leadership blindly," trusting in their wisdom, in order to avoid bickering and delay.

Apparently this speech had its effect, for the measure passed the house in record time.

Christmas Program Tuesday Morning

There will be a special Christmas program Tuesday morning at 11:10 o'clock at the Southport high school at which time students of the third and fifth grades will present a Christmas operetta. The public is invited to attend.

This year each room will have a Christmas basket for distribution to the poor and unfortunate members of the community. These baskets will be brought forward during the exercises and prayer of acceptance will be made by the Rev. E. M. Hall, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church.

Four Couples Have Secured License

During the past week four couples have secured marriage licenses from the office of Register of Deeds R. I. Mintz. They were: Miss Laura Williamson, to John Briggs, both of Wilmington; Miss Lela Mae Varnam, Supply, to Willie Sullivan, , Winnabow; Miss Gladys Minor Branch, Wilmington, to Joseph Andrew Pelleter, Morehead City; Mrs. Della Benton, Leland, to Spencer S. Johnson, Winnabow.

John R. Newton Fatally Hurt In Auto Accident Thursday

Was Returning To Cape Lookout Coast Guard Station After Attending Funeral Of His Wife Here

John R. Newton, coast guardsman at Cape Lookout, died Friday night in a New Bern hospital of injuries sustained Thursday near Mayesville.

Funeral services were conducted from the Trinity Methodist church in Southport Sunday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. E. M. Hall. Members of the Oak Island and Cape Fear Coast Guard stations served as pallbearers.

The death of the 60-year-old coast guardsman, who would have been retired on pay after three more years, was the final chapter in a tragic series for the Newton family. Several days ago he came home to be at the bedside of his wife, who was critically ill. Her death occurred one week prior to that of her husband, and it was from her funeral that he was returning to his duties at Cape Lookout when the fatal accident occurred.

A son, Wendell Newton, is in the U. S. navy and was stationed at San Diego, Cal. He was notified of the serious illness of his mother and he set out for home. During the time he was en route her death occurred, his father was fatally injured and died, events which he learned about only upon his arrival.

A sister, Ellen, and a brother Arthur, are other children surviving.

N. C. Fisheries Plant Closes And Officials Return Home

Despite Agreement To Operate Here Practically Without Interruption, Plant Has Run Only Few Months

IN COMPETITION WITH SHRIMP MEN

Total Efforts Of Plant Officials So Far Has Been To Offer Competition To Independents

Although their agreement with the city officials was to the effect that they would operate practically without interruption, the local unit of the N. C. Fisheries, Inc., closed its plant here last week, presumably until the beginning of another shrimping season, and the manager returned to his home near Morehead City.

This years operation, as was last, has been a disappointment to city officials. In addition, the independent buyers have had obviously good grounds for the vigorous indignation that they have expressed.

Since it first began operations, after inducing the city to go to much trouble and put up considerable funds, in addition to getting huge sums of federal funds for the construction of a costly building and filling it with expensive machinery, the Fisheries has done nothing except buy shrimp in the shrimping season in competition with independent dealers.

The machinery has never been used, except for about a week at the start of the shrimping season. The city officials are heartily disgusted and are not endeavoring to conceal their digust, a feeling that is shared by practically all of the fishermen and the general public.

HOLIDAYS BEGIN TUESDAY AT NOON

Students and teachers of Brunswick county schools are looking forward with eager anticipation to Tuesday noon, which will mark the beginning of the Christmas holidays. There will be no more school until Monday, January 4.

One thing which lends added joy to the teachers' prospects for a Merry Christmas is the fact that salary checks for the fourth school month will be ready for distribution at the office of Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of schools, on that day.

Jury List For January Term

January Term Of Superior Court For Trial Of Civil Cases Will Convene On Monday, January 4

Members of the Brunswick county board of commissioners in session here last Thursday drew the names of the following men for jury service for duty at the January term of Brunswick County Superior Court for the trial of civil actions:

W. S. Jones, Southport; J. E. Sermons, Supply; J. R. Ganey, Leland; Corbitt Coleman, Ash; J. E. Gilbert, Bolivia; F. M. Lewis, Winnabow; Austin Phelps, Ash; R. E. Bellamy, Supply; W. E. Bell, Southport; G. T. Danford, Bolivia; S. H. Hewett, Supply; J. M. Chadwick, Shallotte; G. Floyd Kirby, Supply; M. B. Chinnis, Leland; T. R. Phelps, Freeland; A. M. Beck, Winnabow; O. B. Lewis, Leland; J. K. Worthington, Shallotte; J. W.

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N. C. State Poultry Specialist Visitor

B. B. Brown, extension poultryman from N. C. State College, was in Brunswick county last Thursday and made arrangements for staging a broiler demonstration at the farms of Lennel Hewett, Supply, and B. M. Hornsby, Southport.

Both men will construct modern brooder houses with brick furnaces and their project will be used to demonstrate the possibility of raising broilers as a supplement to the average farmer's income.

Three Injured In Automobile Accident

Avis Watkins, Inez Tharp and Rudolph Foy, young Brunswick county boys and girls, were injured last Tuesday night when the automobile in which they were riding skidded on the Wilmington highway and overturned.

Miss Watkins sustained a scalp wound which required 17 stitches to close. Miss Tharp suffered a broken arm and bruises. The boy received chest and back injuries, together with scratches and bruises.

All were carried to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, in Wilmington, where they were patients for several days.

Two Interesting Yachts Call At Southport During Last Week

Said to have been the largest pleasure boat that ever came down the inland waterway, the beautiful 154-foot yacht of Harry V. Davis, said to be the right hand man of Andrew Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury, arrived here one afternoon of the past week and remained over until the following afternoon. The boat is the Elda. Captain F. C. Assmus, a former naval officer, was in command and the craft was being handled by a crew of 17 men. The cost of building is understood to have been a quarter of a million dollars. Another interesting boat, arriving on the afternoon that saw the departure of the Elda, was the Marmot, of Lamont du Pont, of Wilmington, Del. The Marmont is a brand new vessel and was on her first voyage. Captain H. D. Hodgkins was in command.

Spending only part of a day here, the Adventure, Captain Edward Billings, from New York, afforded a spectacle that savored mightily of the old sailing days. She was a schooner yacht, having both sail and power, and was about as large as the trading two-masters of other days. To add to the old time appearance Captain Billings and his men were arrayed in black souwesters, black slickers and the hip boots that are inseparably linked with the old-time sailing days.

On all three of the above boats the Southport Civic Club found staunch champions of its efforts to have a small Coast Guard Cutter based at Southport for the protection of river, inland waterway and coastwise shipping.

Fesperman Named County Solicitor By Commissioners

Board In Session Here Last Thursday Named G. V. Fesperman To Succeed R. E. Sentelle

LATTER SERVING IN LEGISLATURE

S. K. Milliken Re-Appointed Brunswick County Tax Collector, And Curtis Tripp Re-Appointed Delinquent Collector

Meeting for the third time during the week that they were sworn into office, members of the Brunswick county board of commissioners in session here Thursday named G. V. Fesperman solicitor in the Brunswick County Recorder's Court, succeeding R. E. Sentelle, who was re-elected to the lower house of the North Carolina legislature.

Mr. Fesperman is a well known member of the local bar, whose practice during the past year has been handicapped by illness and other misfortunes. He is prosecuting for the first time at today's session.

S. K. Milliken was re-appointed by the board as Brunswick county tax collector. There were several other applicants for this job.

Curtis Tripp, delinquent tax collector since the resignation of W. R. Holmes last year, also was re-appointed by the board.

Other matters disposed of on Thursday were a part of the business.

Tobacconist To Go To Lumberton

Harry Davis, One Of The Best Known Warehousemen On Border Belt, Will Operate There Next Season

Lumberton, Dec. 15.—Harry Davis, one of the most popular tobacconists in the game, has just closed a deal that brings him to Lumberton next year where he will operate the Liberty Warehouse, one of the larger warehouses on this market. On the Fairmont market for a number of years, Mr. Davis needs no introduction to the people of Lumberton, or to the tobacco growers throughout the territory the Lumberton market draws tobacco from. In fact, he is widely known in practically every tobacco growing section of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. A warehouseman for a number of years he has made an enviable record for himself.

The Lumberton market is fortunate in securing a tobacconist of Mr. Davis' type. He is the type warehouseman that can be termed a market builder; alert, wideawake, progressive, and with a genial personality, he enjoys the friendship and confidence of the people who sell tobacco with him, and these people follow him where ever he goes. It isn't so much the market that attracts the tobacco grower as it is Harry Davis himself. To say that he will make the Liberty Warehouse one of the leading auction houses in Lumberton is a true statement rather than a prediction.

At present Mr. Davis is on the Winston-Salem market where he is one of the proprietors of the George-Davis Warehouse. How-

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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 The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 17	
9:40 a. m.	3:32 a. m.
10:10 p. m.	4:17 p. m.
Friday, December 18	
10:27 a. m.	4:13 a. m.
11:01 p. m.	4:58 p. m.
Saturday, December 19	
11:17 a. m.	4:59 a. m.
11:53 p. m.	5:43 p. m.
Sunday, December 20	
	5:58 a. m.
12:12 p. m.	6:36 p. m.
Monday, December 21	
0:49 a. m.	7:08 a. m.
1:09 p. m.	7:36 p. m.
Tuesday, December 22	
1:46 a. m.	8:21 a. m.
2:11 p. m.	8:38 p. m.
Wednesday, December 23	
2:48 a. m.	9:26 a. m.
3:17 p. m.	9:36 p. m.