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Greek Freighter Mount Dirfys Abandoned Last Night By Her Crew Who Were Brought Here

On Saturday
Morning On Point
Frying Pan Shoals And
All Efforts To Pull Her
Off Proved Fruitless

CREW QUARTERED AT
QUARANTINE STATION
To Pull Vessel Off
Were Hampered By A
Heavy Sea And Fog;
Tug From Norfolk
Standing By

Twenty-six members of the crew
abandoned the officers of the
Greek freighter Mount Dirfys,
which ran aground on the point
of Frying Pan Shoals Saturday
morning, were brought in to the
quarantine station Tuesday night
by the coast guard cutter Modoc.
Included in the crew were 12
Greeks, 3 Samoilanders, 3 Egyp-
tians, 3 Africans and one Dutch-
man. The entire crew will remain
at the local station until orders
are received regarding their re-
lease.

The Mount Dirfys, a good sized
freighter of 3,200 tons, was
sighted by Wilmington, Del., with
a cargo of iron ore. Through
mistake on the part of her offi-
cers, she ran aground on the point
of Frying Pan Shoals Saturday
morning. The Modoc went to
the aid of the ship and made an
attempt to pull her off, but failed.

The boat struck a point of the
shore about 17 miles from the
mouth of the Cape Fear River
early Saturday morning. The
Modoc went to the aid of the ship
and made an attempt to pull her
off, but failed. The ship was
abandoned last night by her
crew, who were brought here
by the coast guard cutter Modoc.
The ship is now lying on the
point of Frying Pan Shoals.

The ship was abandoned last
night by her crew, who were
brought here by the coast guard
cutter Modoc. The ship is now
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Record Number Of Marriage Licenses Granted This Month

During December Eleven White Couples Obtained Their
Permits To Wed From Local Office Of The
Register Of Deeds

Marriage licenses for
eleven white couples were
granted during December
from the local office of Reg-
ister of Deeds, setting a re-
cord for the year.
May was the closest rival
for December, with seven li-
censes granted during that
period. March and June each
had five. The records for the
other months were: January
4; February 4; April 1; July
1; August 2; September 3;

October 2; November 3.
Couples who obtained their
licenses during the past week
are: Miss Lydia Leonard, of
Shallotte, to Joel C. Clifton,
Old Dock; Miss Kelta H.
Walton, Southport, to Wes-
ley L. Peacock, Baltimore,
Md.; Miss Mabel Crisco, Bad-
in, to Raymond C. Barker,
Jr.; Miss Doshier Brown to
Olan Hewette, both of Shal-
lotte; Miss Thelma Hufham,
Winnabow, to John B. Smith,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Uneventful Christmas Season Observed Here

City Made Beautiful By
Colored Lights Which
Decorated Streets And
Business Places Down
Town

LIGHTING CONTEST
PRIZE AWARDED
Miss Vera Swain Won First
Prize For Prettiest Liv-
ing Tree; Mrs. W. S.
Doshier And Mrs. W.
E. Doshier Won

An uneventful Christmas season
was observed in Southport,
with only the incessant reports
of firecrackers to disturb the
peace and quiet. There were no
arrests of over-enthusiastic cele-
brants.

For the first time this year
colored lights were strung across
the principal streets in the busi-
ness district, and several of the
local business places were attrac-
tively decorated.

Miss Vera Swain won first
prize in the Woman's Club
Christmas tree lighting contest
and received a fruit cake donat-
ed by the Fox Bakery, of Wil-
mington. First prize for the most
beautiful cut tree was won by
Mrs. W. E. Doshier, and first
prize for porch decoration went
to Mrs. Wm. S. Doshier. The lat-
ter two winners received boxes
of candy donated by Watsons.

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Charge Man With
Stealing Gasoline
Red Fulwood, Southport man,
was arrested Tuesday night by
Officer Mel Lewis and was charged
with an attempt to steal
gasoline from one of the pumps
at Hoods Service Station.

Warren Swain, employee of the
station, noticed a man standing
beside one of the pumps, and saw
that there was gas in the glass
tank. Investigation revealed that
a lock on the pump had been
broken. Officer Lewis was called
and Fulwood was arrested. He
was placed under a bond of \$250
pending trial today in Recorder's
Court.

Encouraged Over Prospects For Yacht Basin At Southport

The outlook appears de-
cidedly rosy for Southport
to have a large yacht basin
and storm haven for small
boats in the marsh just west
of the old Thompson home.
The determination is to have
one of an area large enough
for 200 or more small fish-
ing craft, a medium sized
coast guard cutter and all
the yachting and waterway
craft that may be passing
through here at any time,
and which may desire such
shelter.

The Civic Club started the
move for the basin, propos-
ing to acquire five or six
acres of the marsh land on
the north side of the inland
waterway and then have the
government to dredge it out
as a storm haven. City offi-
cials were much interested
in the proposition and the
Port Commission was found
to be even more interested.

The Port Commission made
the Civic Club a proposition
regarding and controlling the
basin. The Port Commission
being a body politico, the

Public Library Received Many Books Recently

List Of Books Made To Give
Citizens Of Town Oppor-
tunity To Call For And
Read Them

CHILDRENS BOOKS
INCLUDED ON LIST

Total Of Thirty - Three
Books Have Been Added
Since Last Announce-
ment Of New Ar-
rivals

The librarian of Southport Pub-
lic Library desires that more
people in town would avail them-
selves of the opportunity to read
the books which are at the dis-
posal of the public. Books re-
ceived recently are as follows:

"Anthony Adverse", Hervey
Allen; "Gone with the Wind",
Margaret Mitchell; "A New
Name", Grace Livingston Hill;
"Beauty's Daughter", Kathleen
Norris; "Manhattan Love Song",
Kathleen Norris; "Donna Cee-
tis", Ethel M. Dell; "All Over
Again", Ruby M. Ayres; "Moth-
er Mason", Bess Aldrich; "With
Banners", Emilie Loring; "No
Lovell Spring", Lida Larimore;
"High Fences", Grace Richmond;
"Foot of the Rainbow", Gene
Straton Porter; "Radiant Tree",
Temple Bailey; "Distant Dawn",
Margaret Pedler; "Valour", War-
wick Deeping.

Books For Children
"Code of the West", Zane
Grey; "Mystery of the Ivory
Charm", Carolyn Keene; "Ghost
of Melody Lane", Lillian Garis;
"Invisible Chimes", Margaret Sut-
ton; "Seven Strange Clues", Mar-
garet Sutton; "With Secret Ran-
gers", James Cody Ferris; "Sin-
ister Sing Post", F. W. Dixon;
"Swift Lightning", James Oliver
Curwood; "Seventeen", Booth
Tarkington; "Penrod", Booth
Tarkington; "Kidnapped", Robert
Louis Stevenson; "Big Leager",
Graham Dean; "Slim Evans and
his horse Lightning", Garham
Dean; "Circle Four Patrol", Gra-
ham Dean; "Herb Kent, West
Point Cadet", Graham Dean;
"Penny and the Black Imp",
Joan Clark; "Mimi at Camp",
Anne Pence Davis; "Five Little
Martins", Carolina Van Buren.

Superior Court CONVENES MONDAY

A one-week term of Bruns-
wick county Superior court
will convene here Monday with
Judge Walter L. Small, of
Elizabeth City, presiding.
There are no cases of out-
standing importance scheduled
for trial during this session,
although several are cases
postponed from former ses-
sions.

The first eight cases includ-
ed on the court calendar are
divorce actions.

Bolivia Ready For Bladenboro

Reports From Brunswick
County Champs Indicate
Team Is Anxious To
Meet Conquerors On
Southport Court

Coach Caserio of the Bolivia
high school girls basketball team
has advised the Southport Civic
Club that his girls are eager to
play the planned contest with
Bladenboro's Eastern Carolina
champions and basketball lovers
will have an opportunity to wit-
ness a real girl's game just as
soon as a date for the contest
can be mutually agreed upon.

It is possible that the game
may be played on the 14th or
15th of January as having it at
this time would allow the visitors
from Bladen county to visit the
United States submarine Perch,
which will be in port at that
time. Bolivia has no game sched-
uled for these dates and can
play then. Coach Walker, of Bla-
denboro, has been queried by the
Club Secretary to see if his
team can come at that time.

The Civic Club is fostering this
contest to aid the local high
school girls and boys to raise
money to pay for the installation
of showers and dressing rooms
for boys and girls in the base-
ment. (Continued on Page 4)

Yachtsmen Help To Get Cutter

See Imperative Need Of
Small Craft To Be Based
Here For Protection Of
Valuable Boats Which
Pass Annually

Yacht clubs in the north are
beginning to pound vigorously at
the doors of the Treasury De-
partment in Washington with de-
mands that a medium sized coast
guard cutter be based at South-
port for the protection of water-
way and river traffic passing
Southport. The clubs are inter-
ested because of the hundreds of
costly boats, belonging to their
members, which pass here each
fall and spring on their way to
and from southern waters.

Copies of the letters written
to Washington and to the various
boating magazines are being sent
the Southport Civic Club and it
is therefore no guess work when
it is said that far-flung efforts
are on their way to have a
cutter based here. These efforts
are bound to succeed within the
coming year.

Good Programs At Churches On Christmas Eve

Pageant Entitled "The Na-
tivity" Presented At Trin-
ity Methodist Church
With Several Young Peo-
ple Taking Part

WHITE CHRISTMAS
AT PRESBYTERIAN

Pageant Also Presented At
Southport Baptist Church
On Christmas Eve,
With Other Inter-
esting Features

On Christmas night the Sunday
school of Trinity Methodist church
presented a program which
was enjoyed by both children
and adults. The following pro-
gram was given by the primary
and junior departments:

PRIMARY DEPT.
"Away in the Manger", Pri-
mary Department.
Recitation, "Merry Christmas",
Billy Smith.
Recitation, "Christmas Nite",
Francis Sasser and Barbara
Weeks.

Solo, Betty Carlotta.
Recitation, "Playing Santa
Claus", Billy Wells, Jimmie Smith
and Arthur Curlee.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT
Song, "Beautiful Christmas
Star", Junior Department.
Recitation, John Carr Davis.
Exercise, "Christmas Gifts",
Mary J. Russ, Peggy Carr, Eloise
St. George, Annie Jean Weeks,
and Lula Marie Swain.
Solo, "The First Noel", Lula
Marie Swain.

Recitation, Dudley Sutton.
Duet, Eloise Bellamy and An-
nie J. Weeks.
Recitation, Harper Sasser.
Song, Junior Department.
Piano Solo, Mrs. R. I. Mintz.
Offering for benefit of the
Orphanage.

A pageant entitled "The Nativ-
ity" was presented by the young
people of the church. The Re-
verend E. M. Hall, director of the
pageant and took the part of
the Reader. The cast was headed
by Miss Leila Hubbard as
"Mary", Waters Thompson took
the part of "Joseph". The re-
mainder of the cast was as fol-
(Continued on page 3)

Civic Club Will Plan Reception

Meet Tonight To Plan For
Proper Entertainment Of
Officers Of Submarine
While in Southport

The Southport Civic Club will
meet tonight, (Wednesday), to
initiate plans for the welcoming
and entertainment of the United
States submarine Perch when
she visits this harbor on Janu-
ary 14, 15 and 16th. The club
will meet at the office of secre-
tary W. B. Keziah.

Since the club was only re-
cently organized it is open to
all good citizens who are desir-
ous of doing something that will
aid the town and Brunswick
county in moving forward.

It is purely a working organ-
ization and there will be no red
tape in the matter of having
worthwhile things given atten-
tion. The Secretary has a free
hand for carrying on the work,
as he is the ranking official. The
advisory board and the general
membership of the organization
is at his call for advice or coun-
sel in any undertaking. Sugges-
tions from the membership and
from the general public are wel-
comed at all times.

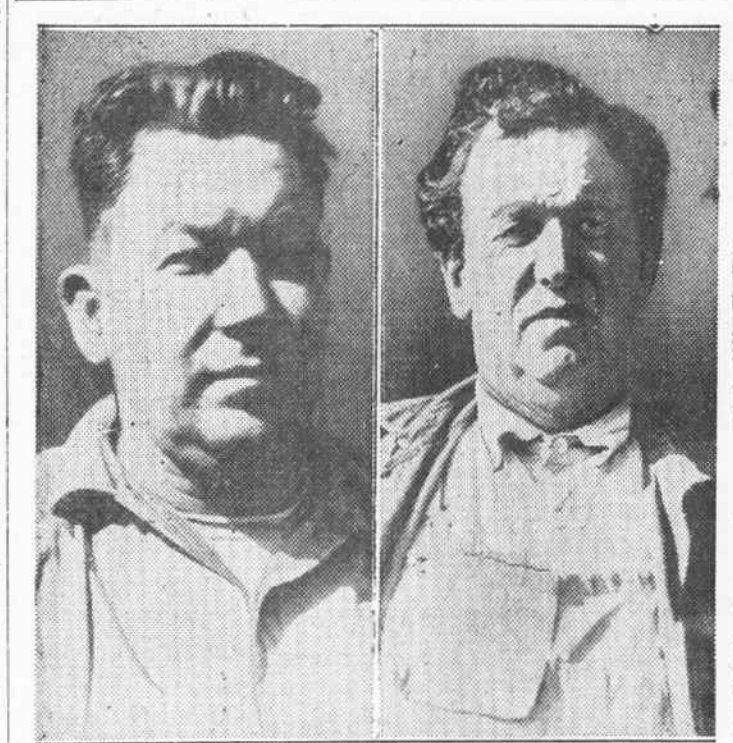
While others will be added to
the advisory board as the mem-
bership grows, the following now
constitute it: Rufus Doshier, drug-
gist; H. M. Shannon, railroad;
H. B. Smith, port commission;
I. B. Burris, seafood dealer; I.
B. Russell, Cape Fear Pilots; I.
Berg, Hospital; James M. Harper,
newspaper; G. E. Hubbard, gar-
age; H. H. Thomas, real estate;
Hubert Rogers, sports; J. J.
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Game Warden Has Big Day Tuesday

County Game Warden Eustace
Russ arrested nine persons, all
of them colored, Tuesday on
charges of violating the game
laws.

Jacob Frink, John Hewett,
Robert Hewett and W. H. Price
were taken before Magistrate
Morris Ganey and were found
guilty of trapping without a li-
cense. J. J. Windley, Detroit Lev-
is, McDonald Lewis, Roffie Wil-
liams and Henry B. Cox were
tried before the same magistrate
and found guilty of hunting with-
out license. The cost for each
defendant was \$9.70.

Brunswick County Men Victims Of Night-Riders



FLOGGED—William Inman, left, and Jesse Cox,
right, were the two Brunswick county victims of a night
riding band of floggers who carried the two men over
the Columbus county line on the night before Thank-
sgiving and whipped them with a leather strap. Despite
definite clues left behind by the self-styled "Christians"
no arrests have been made.

Admit Robbing Coast Road Service Station

NEW YEARS DANCE
FRIDAY EVENING
The formal opening of the
Southport Community Center
Building will be held Friday
night when a New Year's dan-
ce is to be staged in the rec-
reation hall on the second
floor of the newly completed
building. Roy Haines and his
orchestra, the highest priced
band to play here this year,
will furnish music for the oc-
casion.

There will be no formal pro-
gram of speech-making and
dedication of the building. This,
according to Commander R. C.
St. George, of the Brunswick
County Legion Post, will come
later.

A large crowd is expected
to attend this dance, the first
social function, to be held in
the new building.

Man Seriously Injured By Car

Jesse Brown, White, Run
Over Last Tuesday Night
By Automobile Driven By
Register Of Deeds R. I.
Mintz

Jesse Brown, white, is recov-
ering in the Brunswick County
Hospital from injuries sustained
last Tuesday night when he was
run over by an automobile driv-
en by Register of Deeds R. I.
Mintz.

The accident occurred on the
Southport-Supply road near Ev-
ans' filling station. Brown was
lying across the road, on the
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Intimations That Southport "Stole" Submarine Show Denied By Keziah

Relative to the visit of the
U. S. Submarine Perch to
Southport on January 14-15
and 16th, many persons ap-
parently have an idea that
after a six days visit of the
vessel to Wilmington had all
been arranged for the South-
port Civic Club put in its
oar and took the first three
days of the six for a visit
to Southport.

W. B. Keziah, Club Secre-
tary, denies that the organi-
zation horned in on Wilming-
ton's rights and privileges. He
absolutely denies that the
Club or Governor Ehringhaus
stole the submarine from
Wilmington or that they are
now attempting to steal the
show that will naturally be
attended upon the first visit
of a United States submarine
to any North Carolina port.

The facts of the matter,
according to Mr. Keziah, is
that the big submarine was
completed this past summer
and outside of making trial
runs she has never left the
yards at New London, Conn.
She was recently indexed to
make her "shakedown" trip

to Cuba, visiting several
state south of here on her
return journey in the spring.
Learning of this shake-
down cruise of Uncle Sam's
largest and newest undersea
boat, Governor Ehringhaus
thought it would be a fine
idea for her to visit the ports
of Southport and Wilmington
on her way south. He also
thought that the citizens of
Southport and Wilmington,
with many ideas in com-
mon, would be pleased to en-
tertain the good ship, the
more especially since she was
under the command of Lieut-
enant Crawford, a native of
North Carolina.

Governor Ehringhaus, ac-
cordingly, asked that the ves-
sel visit the ports of South-
port and Wilmington. Admi-
ral W. H. Standley, Acting
Secretary of the Navy, gra-
ciously granted the request
and six days, January 14th
to 19th, were set aside for
the visit of the Perch to
Southport and Wilmington.
But, through some over-
sight, no person or organiza-
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Submarine Perch Will Arrive Here On January 14th

Will Be First North Caro-
lina Port Ever Visited By
U. S. Submarine; Craft Is
The Newest In The U. S.
Navy

UNDERSEA BOAT TO
BE HERE THREE DAYS

Boat Will Lie At Govern-
ment Dock And Will Be
Easily Accessible For
Visitors To Board
Her

The Perch, said to be the larg-
est and certainly the newest and
most modern submarine of the
United States Navy, will visit
Southport and be open to visitors
January 14, 15 and 16th. Her
coming here will mark the first
visit a United States undersea
boat to any North Carolina port.
For this reason she will be an
object of great interest, and the
interest will not be less because
of the fact that she will be in
command of a citizen of North
Carolina, Lieutenant Crawford, of
Black Mountain.

Pilots of the Cape Fear Asso-
ciation have made soundings of
the depth of water at the U. S.
Engineers Dock on the Garrison
lot and found that it was ample
to accommodate the Perch. The
vessel will therefore be readily
accessible to the throngs that
are expected to visit her during
the hours between 1:30 and 4:00
p. m. each day.

The ship is 306 feet in length
and 24 feet wide. She carries a
crew of 49 enlisted men and five
officers. Since her completion at
the ship yards at New London,
Conn., this past summer she has
made several trial cruises always
returning to the yards there. The
cruise to Cuba, beginning on
January 11th with three day
stops being made here and an-
other one of like duration at
Wilmington, after leaving here,
will mark her first visit to ports
outside of those in which she
was built and outfitted.

Definite assurance of the com-
ing to Southport of the Perch
was contained in a letter from
Admiral W. H. Standley, Acting
Secretary of the Navy. This let-
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Three Cases In Recorders Court

Only Three Cases Were
Disposed Of Wednesday
Before Judge Joe W.
Ruark In Brunswick
County Recorder's Court

Three cases were disposed of
here in Recorder's court Wednes-
day before Judge Joe W. Ruark.
Sidney Esau, colored, was tri-
ed on a charge of possession of
intoxicating liquor for the pur-
pose of sale, but was found not
guilty.

James Duncan, John S. Martin,
Earl Taylor and Ethridge Ward,
white prisoners at the Brunswick
county camp, pleaded guilty to
charges of attempted escape and
damage to property. Each was
given two months on the roads,
sentences to begin at the ex-
piration of their present road
terms.

James Cromartie, colored, was
found guilty of making an as-
sault with a deadly weapon. His
sentence of 6 months on the
roads was suspended upon con-
dition that he pay a fine of
\$25.00 and the costs of the case
before court convenes this week.

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 Pilots' Association.

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High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 24	
3:52 a. m.	10:26 a. m.
4:25 p. m.	10:32 p. m.
Friday, December 25	
4:53 a. m.	11:23 a. m.
5:26 p. m.	11:28 p. m.
Saturday, December 26	
5:51 a. m.	
6:21 p. m.	12:20 p. m.
Sunday, December 27	
6:41 a. m.	0:23 a. m.
7:11 p. m.	1:15 p. m.
Monday, December 28	
7:30 a. m.	1:18 a. m.
7:58 p. m.	2:05 p. m.
Tuesday, December 29	
8:17 a. m.	2:10 a. m.
8:46 p. m.	2:53 p. m.
Wednesday, December 30	
9:03 a. m.	2:58 a. m.
9:35 p. m.	3:38 p. m.