

Board Of County Commissioners In Special Meeting

Met Friday For Purpose Of Attending Hearing Conducted By Members Of State Highway Commission

OTHER BUSINESS DISPOSED OF THEN

Most Important Was Appointment Of D. L. Ganey As Rural Policeman For Brunswick County

Members of the Board of County Commissioners met in special session here Friday. The board had planned to attend the hearing held by the committee on the state highway commission, but when this meeting was postponed other matters were taken up.

Most important was the appointment of D. L. Ganey as full-time rural policeman for Brunswick county. His salary was set at \$150.00 per month, with an additional allowance of \$25.00 per month for expenses. O. P. Bellamy was put on as part time policeman at a monthly salary of \$87.50, with an additional allowance of \$12.50 per month for expenses. The resolution of the board was that the fees for arresting officers be paid to the clerk of the court and applied to the general fund of the county.

The board issued an order to the E. B. Hewett estate of the E. H. Smith land in Bladensburg township. There was a matter regarding the J. D. Bunker estate in Waccamaw township.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Predicts Passage

Wet leaders in the general assembly predicted confidently today the county option liquor bill, approved last week by the house of representatives, would be passed by the senate. Drys, however, far from admitting defeat, rallied their militantly for a march on Raleigh to protest the measure at a public hearing, called for 2:00 o'clock Thursday by senate judiciary committee. Officers of the United Dry Forces said they expected 2,000 prohibitionists to attend the session. Former Governor Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, long an opponent of liquor legalization, may be among the speakers, they added.

Flood Recedes

Drying winds, bright weather and falling water relieved anxiety of Mississippi valley dwellers above Memphis Tuesday and cheered down-river levee workers preparing for approaching flood crests. The peak of the torrent apparently was passing Memphis. For 48 hours, the level of the river remained nearly constant after climbing to record heights. But Army engineers warned: "The crest of the flood is very flat and the stage of the river will remain near present proportions for several days."

Another Victim

A toxicologist Tuesday reported that the body of Mrs. Edna Mason Smoak, second wife of Edgar L. Smoak who was under indictment at Wilmington in the poison death of his daughter, contained "positive evidence" of strychnine poisoning. Dr. Haywood Taylor of Duke Hospital completed examination Monday night of the viscera of the woman, dead since 1935, whose body was exhumed last Friday on orders from Solicitor John J. Smoak. Smoak, a 39-year-old railroad shop worker, is scheduled for trial during a special one-week term of New Superior Court beginning February 22, on charges of murdering his 15-year-old daughter, Annie Thelma. The girl died last December 1, in convulsions, which a later examination probably were caused by a strychnine dose. (Continued on Page four)

Local Coast Guards Return Home From Flooded Region

Captain W. H. Barnett, Who Was In Charge Of Coast Guard Detachment From This Area, Returned Monday

BOAT FROM CAPE FEAR STATION LOST

The Men Admit They Are Might Glad To Get Back Home; Plenty Of Food Available, They Said, But Drinking Water Scarce

Captain W. H. Barnett and three men from each of the two local coast guard stations returned Monday from the flood area of the Ohio river valley where they spent the past two weeks aiding the relief forces in rescue work.

Captain Barnett was in charge of a group of more than twenty men and seven motor surf boats sent from coast guard stations along the North Carolina and Virginia Coast.

The first destination of the group was Louisville, where the men spent several days. When waters receded there they moved down-river to Evansville, Ind. While on duty in Louisville the

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CAPT. W. H. BARNETT

To Conduct Survey Of Local Yacht Basin Site

Telegram Received Last Week By Secretary Of Civic Club From Congressman Clark Indicates Quick Action

SEEKS INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE

Purpose Of Survey Will Be To Discover Approximate Cost So Amount May Be Included In Appropriation Request

It is expected that the survey work for the purpose of making a report on the construction of the yacht basin at Southport will begin within the next few days.

But for the illness of Col. Earl I. Brown, chief of the U. S. Army Engineers of this district, at his home in Richmond, Va., it is understood that the work would already have been done. In a letter to the Civic Club Colonel Brown was very favorably disposed to the undertaking, as was the War Department and the U. S. Department of Commerce in Washington, both of which agencies wrote interesting letters of W. B. Keziah, of the Civic Club, expressing their ability to start work on the survey just as soon as legislation was passed by Congress in Washington.

At Mr. Keziah's request, Congressman Clark had a resolution passed by the Rivers and Harbors Committee, authorizing the survey. This will require hardly more than a week or ten days and the information is that it can be completed and the recommendation made in time for the Rivers and Harbors Committee to ask for funds for the construction work in their this year's budget. The survey is, of course, to determine the cost in order that the necessary appropriation may be asked for.

The Rivers and Harbors Committee very seldom fails to get

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Skipper Burns Retains His Interest And Faith In City

Captain M. L. Burns, of Miami, Fla., who was removed from Southport a few months ago after being stationed at the Quarantine Station for two or three years, is still very loyal to Southport, as is evidenced by a letter written the Civic Club just a few days ago, extracts of which letter are given below:

"I just happened to be thinking of you and Southport and the many fine friends I have there. When I first went to Southport I didn't think I would be able to live there at all, but after meeting the many fine people there and living among them, I got to where I hated to leave.

"I know that this will interest you. The fishing at Southport is just as good as here in Florida and most of the time it is better. I'll admit they catch a few sail-

HIGHWAY MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY

The illness last week of Ross Sigmon, member of the committee appointed from the State Highway Commission to come here for a hearing in the Southport-Whiteville highway matter, made necessary the postponement of the hearing to Friday of this week.

In the meantime, the scene of the hearing has been changed from the Brunswick county courthouse, at Southport, to Rourke's store, Shallotte. The hearing has been set for 12:00 o'clock.

Due to the intense interest in the improvement of this highway, it is expected that a large group of citizens will attend the hearing Friday.

Man Seriously Burned Sunday

Hobson Sellers Is In Brunswick County Hospital In Serious Condition From Burns Sustained When Gasoline Burns On Him

Hobson Sellers is in a critical condition in the Brunswick County Hospital suffering from burns sustained Sunday night when a companion splashed gasoline over his body and set fire to it.

Erman Clemmons was arrested a short time later by Deputy Sheriff Doughtridge Tripp and is being held in the Brunswick county jail without bond. He is charged with setting fire to Sellers, but denies that he is the guilty man.

Sellers, it is said, was sick from eating ice cream and drinking beer and was lying in the road in front of Buster Robinson's home, at Supply. It is reported that he was

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Report Letters Received From Flogging Band

Three Unnamed Residents Of Hickman's Cross Road Community Are Latest To Receive Threatening Letters From Band

LETTERS SIMILAR TO OTHERS SENT

Misses Appeared To Be In Same Handwriting As Those Received By Freeland Residents Several Weeks Ago

Sheriff J. A. Russ this week told newspapermen that other threatening letters have been received by Brunswick county citizens from the self-styled band of "Christian" floggers.

Three unnamed residents of the Hickman's Cross Road section, about nine miles south of Shallotte and fourteen or fifteen miles from Freeland, have received threatening letters from the flogging band of mobsters the sheriff said.

The letters appeared to be written in the same handwriting as that used to threaten three residents of the Freeland section shortly before Christmas the Sheriff said, and one or more of them passed through the U. S. mails.

The letters were of the same tenor as the other letters in the Brunswick county floggings, of which there have been nearly a dozen during the past fourteen months.

Minor Cases In Court Wednesday

Numerous Cases Of Minor Importance Were Disposed Of Here Last Wednesday Before Judge Joe W. Ruark

Several cases of minor importance were disposed of here in Recorder's Court Wednesday before Judge Joe W. Ruark.

W. T. Langston, white, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. He was given 6 months on the roads, this sentence being suspended upon payment of the costs, a fine of \$50 and the 12 month suspension of his drivers license.

J. C. McCoy pleaded guilty of a traffic violation. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

General Lee Brown, colored, was charged with traffic violation. He was called and failed; capias was issued and he is now in jail here waiting for trial Wednesday.

James Ballard, colored, pleaded guilty of violating a traffic law. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

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Civic Club Will Meet On Monday

Meeting Monday Night In Courthouse Is Open To General Public, As Invitation Is Extended To Visitors

In the belief that a stronger, get-together spirit, will be very helpful to the City of Southport and Brunswick county, the Southport Civic Club will hold an informal meeting at the courthouse Monday night, February 15th. This meeting, says the secretary, will be open to the general public and they, as well as the members, are invited to be present, join in the discussions and make suggestions of a constructive and helpful nature.

One object of this meeting is to increase the usefulness of the club. It considers that it has an exceptionally fine membership and an extremely worthwhile program, still, there are many members and citizens of the city and county who have valuable ideas, or these ideas would be valuable if they were passed on to the

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Teachers Receive 5th Month Checks

Teachers in Brunswick county schools received their fifth month pay checks this week. The total amount paid to white and colored teachers, truck drivers and janitors was almost \$12,000, according to word received at the office of Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of schools.

New Equipment Is About Ready At Light Plant

Only One Or Two Minor Parts Remain To Be Installed Before City May Have Advantage Of New Power Unit

TEST RUNS MADE WITH MACHINERY

It Is Expected That City Electricity Load Will Be Transferred To New Unit By The Last Of Week

New machinery for the Southport power plant has been installed, hatched up and a trial run of the motor has been made; and with the arrival this week of one or two minor parts for the switch board everything will be ready to put the electric power load of the city on the new equipment.

As soon as the parts arrive, word will be sent the Westinghouse Electric Co., who is sending an expert here to check all equipment.

The new power unit is housed in a brick annex to the old power plant. Because of the size and weight of the new machinery the motor was installed and the brick walls were later built around it. Unskilled labor for the project and part of the skilled labor was furnished from the WPA.

Good Progress At Ft. Caswell

Work Of Cleaning Up The Grounds And Making Outside Improvements On Buildings Is Coming Along Nicely

A representative of the Pilot spent Monday afternoon at Fort Caswell and was much impressed at the progress of the preliminary preparations to recondition the big property and convert it into a big summer and winter resort.

Twenty to thirty men have been employed constantly during the past two months. These were mostly laborers, engaged in the task of removing shrubbery and refuse, trimming trees and getting everything in readiness for active work on the many fine buildings with the coming of spring weather.

At present plumbers are engaged on the old hospital building which is three stories in height and has a well lighted basement under the whole of the lower floor. This building is a large one and it is expected to comfortably sleep around 60 persons and have a large dining room, kitchen and other essentials to a complete home. This building will be known as the Fisherman's Club House. As soon as the plumbers finish, some slight breaks in the plaster will be repaired and the ceiling of one small room will be entirely replastered. This work will be followed by painting inside and out and the structure will then be ready for furnishing and occupancy.

Other buildings will undergo a like process in turn and by early summer accommodations will be

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Bolivia Girls Suffer Defeat

Hobucken Lassies Turned Back Brunswick County Invaders Last Saturday Night By Score Of 47 To 16 Score

The record of the Bolivia high school girls of not having lost a basketball game this year was broken Saturday night when the red-garbed Brunswick lassies journeyed to Pamlico and the Hobucken girls took them in to the tune of 47 to 16.

It was a very bad night, but tempering Bolivia's defeat is the claim that the Hobucken girls have only lost two games in the past nine years. The team that can lay claim to such a record must, of a necessity, be way up

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Lenten Services At St. Phillips

During Lent there will be services each Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock and each Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at St. Phillips Episcopal church. The Rev. A. H. Marshall will conduct the services.

Amateur Sailors Test Course To Be Used For Yacht Races

Pretty Weather And A Fair Breeze Had Several Local Parties Out Sunday Running Before The Wind; Citizens Become Sail-Boat Minded

As a result of the knowledge that Southport is to have sailing races this summer various and sundry experiments are already being made by amateurs, folks who have no particular intention of entering the event but who are sharing the general interest.

S. I. Burris, who acquired one of the lifeboats of the Mount Dirrys, Greek freighter that was wrecked out on Fryling Pan Shoals recently, sailed this rather clumsy looking craft all the way to Wilmington and back. The boat has no motor but with its single sail it can hop about the harbor in a lively manner and various fellows are getting a kick out of exercising it in this manner.

Allen Ewing, Jimmie Harper and W. B. Keziah, all members of the Civic Club and all naturally interested in the coming races, concluded Sunday morning that they would sail Ewing's 50 foot sharpie over to Bald Head, Fort Caswell and divers other points. Ewing was captain of the venture and Harper was sworn in as first mate. Keziah was to be deck hand. H. H. Thomas was to be taken along as a passenger and utility man, but he got cold feet and deserted the ship at the dock before the officers and crew could get her unmoored.

All went well on the outward voyage, and the ship made a very acceptable stern first landing at the Oak Island dock, as its first port of call. This feat of docking was accomplished by making two trips, the second one being to get out in the harbor and turn around.

The journey home was all under sail and found officers and crew two hours late for lunch. The feat of lowering the sails was accomplished without the boat hitting either Battery Island or a dock. But that night the Coast Guard made a somewhat sarcastic inquiry of Keziah as to whether there was plenty of life preservers aboard the craft.

SEA SCOUTS ARE OLD ORGANIZATION

Boy Scout Troop Has Been Allowed To Go Down For Want Of Leader; C. A. Ledford Willing To Help The Cause

It is purely coincidental, but there has been an awakened interest in Scout work in Southport this week, which is being celebrated as National Boy Scout Week.

The first official meeting of the Cub Scout troop was held Monday night with more than a dozen boys on hand to take part in the plans for re-organization. Skipper M. L. Burns was in charge of the troop before he was transferred from the local Quarantine station last fall.

Most of the Scouting activities of the town centered around Skipper Burns while he was here, for in addition to the Cubs, he headed the Sea Scout troop, one of the most active organizations in Southport. Mayor John Erickson has taken over duties as leader of that troop.

The Cubs have a new leader, but the Boy Scouts have been

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Yeoman Of U. S. S. Perch Sends Message From Members Of Crew

According to the Southport Civic Club, "The whole crew of 'em liked their visit to Southport." This is in the recent visit of the U. S. S. Submarine Perch to Southport. From Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where the Perch now is, W. B. Keziah, the Civic Club secretary, received the following letter from P. W. F. Jones, the Yeoman or Ships Clerk:

"I had originally intended to write you and tell you how much Mrs. Jones and myself enjoyed our brief visit to Southport while the Perch was there. Since our departure, however, a good many members of the crew have asked me to write you in behalf of the entire crew of the Perch and to thank you for the grand time you and the citizens of Southport showed us while we were there.

"Frankly, we were not at all enthusiastic over the prospect of stopping at Southport—our idea being that it was just another small town with nothing to do. We all know now that Southport is not 'just another small town,' and we found that there was plenty to do there. I don't believe that any one could ever stop there and not like it. I know that every man in the crew hated to leave and feel sure that at whatever ports we may call during the

remainder of our cruise there will always be heard the same words: 'I wish we were in Southport,' and we all hope that some day we will be fortunate enough to return.

"I personally hope that I will be able to return soon because I feel confident that Southport has all the makings of an important seaport town and that it won't be long before it 'grows up'—then it won't be the same Southport. "In behalf of Mrs. Jones and the crew of the U. S. S. Perch, I wish to thank you and every member of your community for a very pleasant and entertaining stay at the most hospitable town we have ever been fortunate enough to visit.

"Hoping that at some time in the near future I will be able to personally thank you for everything you did for us, I am,

"Very sincerely,

"P. W. F. JONES."

(Note:—When the Perch embarked from New London, Conn., for Southport, Mrs. Jones, a very charming young woman, put out overland for the same place and since ladies could not live on the ship, the Civic Club arranged for her to secure rooms. From here she went to Key West and there took ship for Guantanamo Bay, in order to be near her husband.)

Veteran Woman's Worker Resigns As State Official

Dr. James S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent, Gave Notice Last Week Of Her Retirement

HAS SERVED STATE FOR PAST 25 YEARS

Will Continue Position As Assistant Director Of Extension Service Of The State

The retirement of Dr. Jane S. McKimmon as State home demonstration agent for the State College extension service, after 25 years of loyal service to the rural women and girls of North Carolina, was announced late last week.

Although she is relinquishing her work as State home agent, she will continue as an assistant director of the extension service, in which capacity she will have less exacting duties of an advisory nature.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the home demonstration staff by Dean I. O. Schaub, extension director, who said Miss Ruth Current, district agent and extension specialist in 4-H girls' club work, will succeed Dr. McKimmon as State agent.

The dean read aloud the letter in which Dr. McKimmon asked to be relieved from the arduous duties of administering home demonstration work, now grown increasingly complex and exhausting.

"I do not believe a person as he grows older should stop

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G. W. Kirby Dies Monday Morning

Leading Brunswick County Citizen Died Suddenly Monday Morning At His Home In Supply; Funeral Tuesday

George W. Kirby, one of Brunswick county's most prominent citizens, died suddenly Monday morning at his home in Supply. He was 78 years of age, and death was ascribed to a heart attack.

Mr. Kirby conducted a successful mercantile business at Supply for years before retiring about 10 years ago and turning his holdings over to his sons. He was widely known throughout this section and was thoroughly respected by all of his business associates.

He was a man interested in the religious, civic and educational affairs of his community. He served several years as a member of the Board of County Commissioners and the record he made there still is a matter of pride to his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Kirby; three sons, Floyd, Hobson and Elbert Kirby; two daughters, Mrs. T. C. Batson, Wilmington, and Mrs. G. P. Thomas, Henderson; two sisters, Mrs. John Holden and Mrs. R. A. Styrone, and two brothers, W. N. Kirby and Lee Kirby, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Concord Methodist church in Supply by the Rev. F. V. Spence. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: J. J. Hawes, Luther Holden, Herbert

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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, February 11	
8:05 a. m.	2:12 a. m.
8:26 p. m.	2:40 p. m.
Friday, February 12	
8:43 a. m.	2:55 a. m.
9:06 p. m.	3:18 p. m.
Saturday, February 13	
9:25 a. m.	3:37 a. m.
9:50 p. m.	4:55 p. m.
Sunday, February 14	
10:12 a. m.	4:20 a. m.
10:38 p. m.	4:34 p. m.
Monday, February 15	
11:03 a. m.	5:05 a. m.
11:32 p. m.	5:15 p. m.
Tuesday, February 16	
11:58 a. m.	5:58 a. m.
	6:05 p. m.
Wednesday, February 17	
12:30 a. m.	7:06 a. m.
12:58 p. m.	7:13 p. m.