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## Tournament Play To Begin Friday Waccamaw Gym

Leland Boys  
And Bolivia Girls Rank  
As Pre-Tournament Favorites,  
Although Championship Play Will Be  
Close

## SHALLOTTE GIRLS MAY PULL UPSET

Waccamaw Teams  
May Give Trouble  
In Both Divisions  
Southport Boys Have  
Chance

Brunswick county high school basketball players and followers of the sport will flock to Waccamaw for the opening of the annual tournament to decide the county championship.

The Leland boys, undefeated by Brunswick county team this season, and the Bolivia girls, victors in all their games this season except one, rate as pre-tournament favorites.

The Leland boys has literally swept its way into the front of the tournament. Composed of small, young players, this team has compiled an impressive record for the season. The boys figure that it will win a county championship to add to their performance.

Going will be rough for them, however. Last year's champions, Southport and Waccamaw, are expected to be in the title. Without a victory over Southport this season, is little hope in the tournament.

Brunswick county team has been able to stop the Bolivia girls from repeating last year's tournament victory. In their two games this season, Charlotte has lost to Bolivia by one lone point. One game was decided in overtime. From these games it would seem that the Leland maidens may offer serious opposition to Bolivia's championship hopes.

Waccamaw girls have a good record for the season. Leland has played good basketball. Southport has failed to win a county team.

The same referee who officiated last year's games has been selected for the tournament. It begins at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon with the Leland-Bolivia game. The first game will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by the Leland-Shalotte game. The first game will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by the Leland-Shalotte game. The first game will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by the Leland-Shalotte game.

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## Little Bits Of Big News

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

## Free Books

A bill providing a \$1,500,000 fund for free elementary school textbooks, which Governor Hogg advocated in his campaign, was reported favorably by a narrow margin in the Senate Education Committee Tuesday after the committee had heard Senator John H. Hill of Durham introduce it. It would carry North Carolina further along the road of "State socialism," Senator Hill moved that the bill be given "without prejudice" report. His motion was defeated by a vote of nine to eight. The motion of Senator Jack Cooper, of Iredell, for a favorable report, then prevailed.

## Colors Change

Declaring that the big issue of one of time, and ridiculing the idea of dictatorship, Representative Frank Hancock of N. C., in a nation-wide radio address Tuesday night, warmly advocated President Roosevelt's plan for changing the personnel of the Supreme Court.

## Tragedy

J. C. Brantley, Jr., four-year-old son of a CCC worker, was fatally injured under the eyes of his father, a half-brother and several playmates Tuesday morning at Lillington when he was struck by an automobile. The child's dog had been killed a few minutes earlier by a passing automobile and he had run into the road to recover it. Another car, driven by Grady Eart, of Proctor-Barber, employee of the State, struck the child, crushing his skull. (Continued On Page 4.)

## County Forest Warden To Organize Junior Rangers

Forest Warden Dawson Jones Plans To Use School Boys Of The County To Co-operate In Forest Protection Program

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones plans to begin right away to organize troops of Junior Forest Rangers from among the school boys of Brunswick county to aid in carrying forward the work of forest protection.

Warden Jones was a visitor in Southport Monday, and spent some little time outlining a program which will enlist the active interest of every high school boy in the program of forest protection.

Briefly, his plan is to appoint a Junior Warden and an Assistant Junior Warden in each school in the county. It will be necessary to have reliable boys for these appointments, and they will be named only after a consultation with principals of the schools and teachers. It will be the duty of these Junior Wardens to organize the boys in their school into ranger troops. As soon as the skeleton organization is complete, Warden Jones and

## New Pilot Boat Purchased To Replace The Penton

Trim Craft Built At The Barber Boat Works, In New Bern; D. H. Penton, Long In Service, To Be Sold

## NAME NEW BOAT THE R. R. STONE

To Take Name Of Present Little Pilot Speedboat, Which Will Now Be Known As "The Pilot"

Captain I. B. Bussels and H. T. Bownier arrived here today from New Bern aboard the new pilot boat which was completed this week at the Barber Boat Works. The new boat was built for the Cape Fear Pilots Association to replace the D. H. Penton, which has for years been the "bad-weather boat" for trips outside. The new craft will take the name of the small pilot speedboat, The R. R. Stone, and the latter henceforth will be known as "The Pilot."

The new pilot boat is 46½ feet in length, has a 11½ foot beam and has a hold of five feet. She will be powered by a 60-horsepower Bridgeport motor. Although the boat is ready for active service, members of the pilots association plan to make some minor changes before they pronounce her shipshape.

## Fish Factory To Resume Activity

Reliably Reported That The Menhaden Products Co. Factory Above Southport Will Be Operated This Summer And Fall

The Civic Club has been informed that the factory of the Menhaden Products Company, a branch of the Consolidated Fisheries of Delaware, will begin operations by the first of June. The factory is located on the Cape Fear, 10 miles above Southport, and is one of the largest plants of its kind in the state.

Formerly it operated only for a month or two on the fall fish. Present plans are understood to call for operations in the spring, summer and fall, but this spring work of fishing will not be practical until the first of June, owing to the necessity of overhauling the plant, which has been idle for the past six years.

This company uses large boats with about double the capacity (Continued on Page 4)

## Trees, Flowers And Fruit Crop Are Damaged By Cold Weather

A cold spell which descended suddenly upon this section Thursday following several weeks of mild weather put a crimp in Nature's efforts to bring on a record-breaking early Spring.

Deciduous trees that had begun to bud felt their embryonic leaves blighted by the frost. Spring flowers blooming a full month before their season were killed and unestimated damage was done to fruit and early truck crops.

Minimum temperature for the month of February, as recorded by the local representative of the U. S. weather bureau, was 25 degrees on the 26th day. The mercury worked its way to a high mark of 61 degrees on February 21st. There also was a dense fog on that day.

Total rainfall for the period was 3.72 inches, with some precipitation on 11 days. There were 13 clear days, 7 partly cloudy days and 8 cloudy days during the month.

Prevailing winds were from southwest to north.

## Board Of County Commissioners In Regular Session

W. Kelvin Gray, President Of The North Carolina Municipal Council, Was Present To Discuss Refunding

## WACCAMAW ROAD PETITION APPROVED

Greater Part Of The Day Devoted To Disposition Of Routine Business; Special Meeting On Next Monday

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met Monday in the courthouse for their regular monthly meeting. The greater part of the day was devoted to the disposal of routine business.

A petition asking that a certain road in Waccamaw township be added to the county road system was presented by W. L. Inman, J. L. Babson and J. E. Clayton. Members of the board approved the petition and sent it to the State Highway Commission with the recommendation that favorable action be taken.

The Greer property in Southport was sold for \$1,000.00 to J. M. Barnhill.

Fees for M. A. Northrop, undertaker, were established by the board at \$3.00 for removal of a body from the county hospital, and \$15.00 for preparation, removal and burial.

W. Kelvin Gray, president of the North Carolina Municipal Council, appeared before the board to discuss the matter of the refunding bonds.

Members of the board will meet Monday in a special session.

## County Quints Enter Tourney

Every High School Team In Brunswick County Except The Two From Waccamaw To Play In Star-Stars Tournament

Again this year Brunswick county will be well represented in the Star-Stars basketball tournament, for already all teams in the county with the exception of the two from the Waccamaw school have filed their entries.

A total of 73 awards is being offered this year by officials of the tournament. Gold basketballs will be awarded 10 members of the two winning teams; silver basketballs will be awarded 10 members of the two second place teams; bronze basketballs will be awarded 10 members of each of the two third place winners.

There will be a permanent trophy awarded the winning girls team, while the winner in the boys division will win a leg on the handsome trophy. Should Rose Hill or Kenansville, previous winners, cop the title again this year they would come into permanent possession.

There will be a 7-inch trophy for the individual high scorer among the boys and the girls and another trophy for the team showing the most sportsmanlike attitude.

There are seven other awards to be made in addition to the ones listed above.

## Invite Tourists To Convene Here

Invitation Extended By The Civic Club To Tin Can Tourists Of World To Meet Here In Convention Of 1938

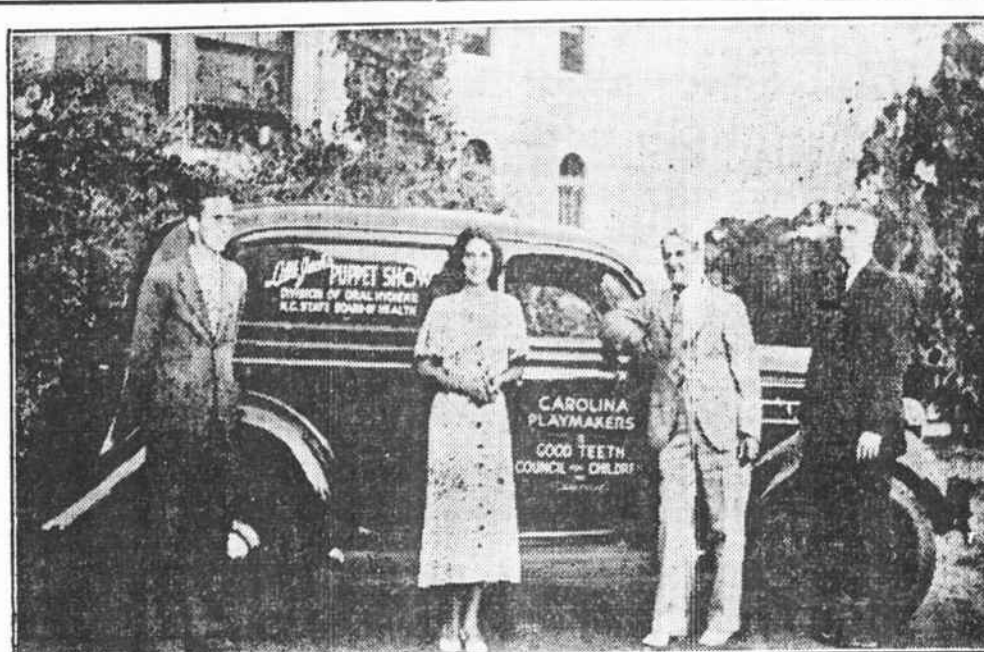
The Tin Can Tourists of the World, following their refusal to hold their 1938 convention in Mexico City, have been invited by the Southport Civic Club to meet at Southport and Fort Caswell.

Since the organization is comparatively new it may be mentioned here that the Tin Can Tourists organization is composed of people who live all or part of their time in automobile trailers. The organization is said to include about four million people.

In extending the invitation that the 1938 convention be held at Southport and Fort Caswell, attention was called to the fact that Southport is the halfway point between the cold of the north and the warmth of the south. The fishing and hunting and the widely recognized hospitality of Southport people were also mentioned.

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## Carolina Puppeteers Play For Children



PUPPET SHOW—A puppet show presented for the school children of Brunswick county Monday and Tuesday of this week managed to combine an important lesson in dental hygiene with unusual entertainment. On the left above is Fred Koch, Jr., manager of the puppet show. The young lady is Miss Patsey McMullen, his assistant.

## Beloved Woman Passes At Home

Mrs. Annie O. Robinson Died Monday Morning At Her Home Here Following Sudden Heart Attack; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Annie O. Robinson, beloved Southport woman, died on Monday morning at her home here following a sudden heart attack. She was 76-years-of-age. Mrs. Robinson came to Southport twenty-five years ago with her husband from Pennsylvania. They chose to make their home in this section after traveling in various parts of the state, and they built "The Robbings Nest," a beautiful home located on the river about two miles above town. Mr. Robinson lived but ten months after their arrival in Southport.

Following his death in 1913, Mrs. Robinson remained in their new home. Three years later Miss Margaret Parkhill came to live with her, and the two have been inseparable companions since that time.

Mrs. Robinson was active in several social organizations of the town, and was the motivating influence in the Southport Presbyterian church. The Sunday School of that institution was kept alive through the determination of her leadership.

One brother, John Oliphant, of Chicago, survives. In addition, there are numerous nieces and nephews.

One of the latter, J. D. Oliphant, of Trenton, N. J., was here for the funeral, which was held (Continued on page four)

## Boy Scouts May Encamp At Fort

Executive Secretary Of Southport Civic Club Has Been Advised That The Scouts Of Wilmington Area Will Consider Local Site

There is a possibility that the Boy Scouts of America, Cape Fear Area Council, may have their summer encampment at Fort Caswell. In a letter received Tuesday W. B. Keziah, executive secretary of the Southport Civic Club, was advised that David L. Liles, scout executive, and Mr. Lewis R. Kirk, commissioner, would shortly make a trip here to look over things with the idea of seeing if it were suitable for a camp.

H. H. Thomas, in charge of the Fort Caswell Property, has advised the Civic Club that he can see no objection to holding the camp at Caswell, provided it is located at a place where it will not interfere with the reconditioning of the buildings.

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## Vacancies Occur In Marine Corps

Forty vacancies for service in the U. S. Marines will be filled from this district during March, it is announced by Captain A. C. Small, district recruiting officer, with headquarters at Savannah, Georgia.

Young men in this vicinity desiring information concerning enlistment in the ranks of the "Sea Soldiers" may write to the Marine Corps Recruiting Station, at Savannah. Application blanks will be sent on request, Captain Small stated.

## Children See Puppets Enact Thrilling Tooth-Ache Drama

## HEARING ON YACHT BASIN TOMORROW

Representatives from the district office of the U. S. Army Engineers, in Wilmington, will be in Southport on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock for the purpose of holding a hearing regarding the need of a yacht basin, or small craft refuge here.

Various private interests who will benefit by this improvement have been invited to submit briefs to Major Ralph Mills, in Wilmington, in order to add strength to the request for an appropriation with which to carry on this work.

Need for a yacht basin, or small craft refuge, is based upon the large number of small boats here during the greater part of the summer and fall to engage in shrimping, and upon the large number of yachts which pass through semi-annually.

## Old Principal To Be Speaker

Professor Henry C. Schultz, Former Principal Of Old Southport Academy, Will Address P.-T. A. Meeting Thursday Evening

Professor Henry C. Schultz, retired educator and former principal of the old Southport Academy, will be the principal speaker Thursday night at the meeting of the Southport Parent-Teachers Association. The hour has been set at 7:30 o'clock.

The speaker will be well remembered by a number of Southport residents as the young man who came here about thirty years ago and imposed a new respect for discipline upon members of his high school group.

Later he taught in public schools and colleges in New York state. Since his retirement a few years ago he has been spending (Continued on page four)

## Jury List Drawn For The April Term Of Superior Court Here

Members of the Brunswick county board of commissioners in session here Monday drew a jury list of 44 men from which to select the grand jury and the petit jury at the next term of Superior Court, which convenes here the first Monday in April for the trial of criminal cases.

Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City, assigned to hold court in this district during this term, is ill following a stroke of paralysis suffered several weeks ago, and it is likely that a substitute jurist will be appointed to hold this court for him.

Following is the jury list: Robert S. Milliken, Ash; J. L. Henry, Winnabow; R. C. Phelps, Ash; E. A. Simmons, Freeland; Herbert Russ, Shallotte; A. C. Simmons, Ash; A. T. Edwards, Ash; D. O. Hewett, Supply; E. O. Rabon, Winnabow; Wil-

## Puppet Show Under Direction Of North Carolina Board Of Health Teaches Dental Lesson Through Entertainment

## "LITTLE JACK" IS CHILDREN'S FAVORITE

The Real-Live Problem Of This Animated Doll Made Strong Appeal Upon The Boys And Girls Who Comprised Audience

There has been at least one chapel program in every consolidated school in Brunswick county this week that was filled with fun for the grammar grade kids. A puppet show, under the direction of the North Carolina State Board of Health, visited these schools this week, and through a program that was packed with entertainment managed to teach a lasting lesson in dental care of members of its young audience.

To begin with, there were few boys and girls in the county who really knew what puppets are. "They are little dogs," was the general consensus of opinion. There was general delight when it was discovered that puppets are animated dolls, who can walk and talk and laugh and cry.

The play presented by the puppeteers was the story of "Little Jack," who faced the childhood tragedy of being forced to receive (Continued on page 4.)

## Southport Girls Break Losing Streak

The Southport girls basketball team crashed the win column for the first time this season Tuesday night as they nosed out the visiting Dixon team by a score of 13 to 12. The boys lost to the invaders by a score of 20 to 17.

Icewater seemed to run in her veins as Louise Niernsee, Southport forward, stepped to the free throw line during the closing minutes of the game to make good on two foul shots. The first tied the score, and the second brought the first victory of the year to her team.

## Farm Families Will Be Taken Off WPA Rolls

As Program Of Curtailment Gets Underway Officials Propose To Relieve Those Who May Return To Soil For Subsistence

## CURTAILMENT IS STATE-WIDE MOVE

Meetings Planned Of Various Relief Agencies In Order That Change May Be Made Fairly And Practically

In view of the fact that the state will hold a series of conferences to discuss the resources within the state that are available for these farm families, who may apply to local welfare officers when they learn that they have been cut off the WPA payroll. Welfare departments and other agencies of this nature have been invited to send representatives to their meetings.

With the farming season getting underway, it is believed that the unemployment situation will not become acute in Brunswick county. Strawberry and truck crops that soon will be harvested in the lower end of the county will afford a means of providing jobs.

Action of reducing the WPA load came from state headquarters, and not from the county or district office, for the curtailment is to be state-wide in its scope.

## Judge Ruark Has A Heavy Session

Seven Cases Covering Wide Variety Of Minor Offenses Were Disposed Of Wednesday In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Seven cases covering a wide variety of minor offenses were disposed of here in Recorder's Court last Wednesday before Judge Joe W. Ruark.

D. T. Long, white, faced charges of trespassing, but his case was dismissed.

The case against Johnnie Hewett, white, for refusal to surrender his driver's license after it had been revoked was not prosecuted.

Lonnie Grady, colored, faced two charges. He was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and was required to pay the costs in his case. A fine of \$50 was remitted. On a charge of operating a motor vehicle while he was intoxicated he was found guilty. He was fined \$50.00 and the cost of the case, and his driver's license was revoked for 12 months.

The case against Nettie Parker, white, for the possession and sale of intoxicating liquor was continued for one week.

Simpson Sistrunk, white, pleaded guilty of violating a traffic law. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Solem Ludlum was found not guilty of abduction.

W. J. Cumbee, white, pleaded guilty to charges of failure to stop at a railroad crossing. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

## 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, March 4	
12:36 a. m.	7:18 a. m.
12:56 p. m.	7:20 p. m.
Friday, March 5	
1:22 a. m.	8:27 a. m.
1:47 p. m.	8:40 p. m.
Saturday, March 6	
2:20 a. m.	9:30 a. m.
2:50 p. m.	9:42 p. m.
Sunday, March 7	
3:22 a. m.	10:24 a. m.
4:04 p. m.	10:36 p. m.
Monday, March 8	
4:31 a. m.	11:13 a. m.
5:08 p. m.	11:26 p. m.
Tuesday, March 9	
5:28 a. m.	11:58 a. m.
5:58 p. m.	
Wednesday, March 10	
6:15 a. m.	12:14 a. m.
6:41 p. m.	12:44 p. m.