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Army Engineers Here Monday To Look Over Site

Major Ralph Millis and Two Other Representatives of Wilmington Office Were In Southport

INVESTIGATION OF YACHT BASIN SITE

Engineer Department Desired Alternate Site For One South Of City And Looked At Another

Major Ralph Millis, head of the U. S. Army Engineers for this district and two men from his office, T. J. Hewette and R. C. Merritt, were in Southport Monday morning looking over a piece of property on the riverfront north of the city with the idea of determining its suitability as a site for a yacht basin.

When figures and a map of the proposed site at the southern end of the city near the entrance of the inland waterway were submitted to the Engineers Department, there came the request for an investigation of an alternate location. This new site is located on property owned by the Southport Promotion and Developing Company, and by Phillip Allen. Representatives from the Engineers department were non-committal regarding the comparative advantages of the two locations, but declared that a thorough survey would be made of both sites.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

New Champ

Battered and bleeding, James J. Braddock went down for the first and last time Tuesday night, under the crushing impact of a right hand smash to the side of the head, and lost the heavyweight boxing championship of the world to Joe Louis, a 23-year-old boy from the cotton fields of Alabama. In a stunning climax to the first mixed match for the big title in 22 years, Louis came back from a first round knockdown to batter the defending champion into a bloody pulp and become the second member of his race ever to capture the most prized crown in pugilism.

Wholesale

Prison officials laid plans this week for what may be the greatest number of mass killings in the history of North Carolina's 27-year-old death chamber. On six of the next seven Fridays, a total of 17 executions are scheduled. All but five of the 22 men awaiting death at central prison in Raleigh have lost appeals to the state supreme court and will be executed by August 6, unless Governor Hoey intervenes.

Wake Goes Wet

Unofficial returns from 44 of 45 Wake county precincts Tuesday night gave 7,841 votes for county liquor stores and 6,553 against. Election officials said the returns from the missing precinct could not change the results of the referendum. While the county-wide majority was 1,288, precincts outside of Raleigh voted 3,523 against county control and 2,654 for. Raleigh itself voted wet, 5,187 to 3,030.

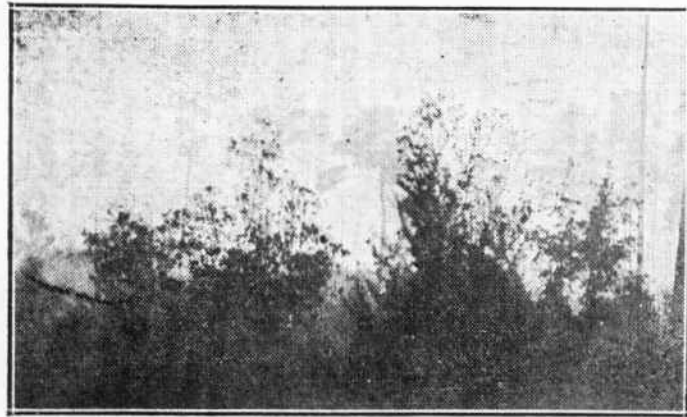
Premier Resigns

Premier Leon Blum released the reins of government early on Monday on the seventeenth day of his second year in power—a marathon term in France where ministries have lasted as little as a day. The scholarly socialist, who never before was a minister until he became head of the popular front government, resigned after the senate twice rejected his demands for full powers to regulate France's finances by decree.

Protection

Tobacco states' congressmen (Continued on Page 4)

Rain Brings Temporary End To Forest Fire Menace



FOREST FIRE—Showers last week wiped the Brunswick County forest fire slate clean. Small conflagrations similar to the one shown above were proving a constant source of worry to the county's fire-fighting organization.

General Rains Bring End To Forest Fire Menace

Forest Organization Has Been On Pins For Past Few Weeks Because Of Extremely Dry Weather, But Crisis Is Over

FOREST FIRE LOSS HELD TO MINIMUM

Splendid Co-operation Of Men From CCC Camp At Southport Was Major Factor In Fighting Forest Fires

General rains which fell throughout Brunswick county the latter part of last week brought temporary relief to the forest fire fighting forces of the county. Forest Warden Dawson Jones and his helpers have had their hands full during the last few weeks of extremely dry weather in trying to prevent the outbreak of any serious fire. While no major loss was incurred, the warden and his men welcomed the showers that put out the last smoldering threat of fires that were being combated last week. Warden Jones says that much credit for the successful campaign against forest fires during the past few weeks is due the men of Camp Sapona, CCC organization, at Southport. Under their project leader, Sam Hill, they have rendered faithful service, says the forest-warden.

Routing Expert Completes Work

O. S. Dilliard, Representative Of State School Commission, Spent Last Week In County Mapping Out Routes For School Buses

O. S. Dilliard, representative of the State School Commission, spent the past week in Brunswick county checking routes for school buses for the coming year.

Several minor changes have been suggested by Dr. Dilliard in an effort to improve transportation facilities.

Included in these proposed changes is a decision to contract two school bus routes coming into Southport. In these two instances less than five children (Continued on page four)

The Fishing Party Business Now Of Much Potential Value To Southport

The value of the fishing party business to Southport is such as to be deserving of having every attention and courtesy paid to the visiting sportsmen.

Sunday night seventeen prominent Kannapolis citizens came in on a fishing trip, going out Monday, remaining overnight and repeating the fishing expedition. This party probably spent more than a hundred dollars for boats and accommodations while they were here.

At the same time three other parties were out fishing. The weather was bad, or there would probably have been several more such parties. It should also be taken into account that on Mondays, the beginning of the week, very few fishing parties might be expected. The middle of the week and Saturday and Sunday will probably bring more parties than there will be boats to accommodate.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY CROPS ARE GOOD

General rains over Brunswick county last week-end have done wonders in the way of helping crops, and the farm outlook at the present time is very hopeful.

In the lower end of the county there has been enough rain all along to keep the situation from becoming acute. As a result, the tobacco crop is coming along nicely. Many fields have been topped out, and a few scattered barns of tobacco will be housed this week.

The extended drought caused considerable damage to crops in the immediate vicinity of Southport before the rain relief Saturday.

R. B. Morse Dies In New York

Southport Man Died In New York Hospital Monday Morning Following Operation There Last Week

R. B. Morse, prominent citizen of Southport, died Monday morning in a New York hospital where he underwent a serious operation last week.

The deceased, who was 68-years-of-age, was a ship's engineer and had traveled all over the world. He was a man of quiet manner, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Morse is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ada Ferguson Morse, one daughter, Mrs. Park Winslow, of New York, and a sister, Mrs. Kitty Pullen, of Wilmington.

The remains will be brought here for burial at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. J. R. Edwards, of Mount Gil-ead, a former pastor of Trinity Methodist church, in the absence of the Rev. E. M. Hall, present pastor. Following services at the church, the members of the local Masonic lodge will take charge at the cemetery.

Commissioners In Special Sessions Here This Week

Members Board Of County Commissioners Are Meeting As Board Of Equalization And Review In Tax Matters

MEETING TODAY AND AGAIN FRIDAY

Board Met On Monday To Hear Complaints Brought By Citizens Of North West And Town Creek

Members of the Board of County Commissioners are in session here this week meeting as a board of equalization and review.

On Monday they met to hear complaints in the matter of tax adjustments from citizens of North West and Town Creek townships. Today (Wednesday) they are hearing citizens from Smithville and Lockwoods Folly townships. At their session Friday they will hear complaints from citizens from Waccamaw and Shallotte townships.

This is not a session merely for the purpose of reducing valuation, but is for the purpose of making adjustments where the value of property has been seriously affected since last year.

Law Requires An Examination

Text Of Legislative Act Relative To Health Of The House Servants Requires Evidence Of Being In Good Health

Because some question exists in the minds of local citizens regarding their rights in requiring their domestic servants to present a health certificate, the text of the act is printed below:

"An Act Requiring The Examination Of Domestic Servants.
"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. That hereafter all domestic servants who shall present themselves for employment shall furnish their employer with a certificate from a practicing physician or the public health officer of the county in which they reside, certifying that they have been examined within two weeks prior to the time of said presentation of said certificate, that they are free from all contagious infectious or communicable diseases and showing the non-existence of any venereal disease which might be transmitted.

Such certificate shall be accompanied by the original report from a laboratory approved by the State Board of Health for making such tests showing that the Wassermann or any other approved tests of this nature are negative. Such tests to have been made within two weeks of the time of the presentation of such certificate; and such certificate shall also affirmatively state the non-existence of tuberculosis in the infectious state.

"Section 2. That all domestic servants employed shall be examined at least once each year and as often as the employer may require, and upon examination shall furnish to the employer all of the evidence of the condition of their health, as is set out in section one hereof.

"Section 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

"Section 4. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

"In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 22nd day of March, 1937.

"W. P. HORTON,
Pres. of the Senate.

"R. G. CHERRY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives."

Demonstration Club At Phoenix Meets

The Phoenix Home Demonstration Club held its June meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Verzaal. The meeting was opened by singing "The Song of the Open Country."

After a short business session, the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Marion S. Doshier, home agent.

Pension Checks For Confederate Widows Arrive

Two Class "A" Widows And Eighteen Class "B" Widows Of Confederate Veterans Received At Clerks Office

ALL CHECKS HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR

One Class "A" Widow, Mrs. Rebecca Styron, Has Died Since Last Semi-Annual Payment

Semi-annual pension checks for two class "A" widows and eighteen class "B" widows of Confederate Veterans were received at the office of the clerk of court last week and all checks have been called for.

One class "A" widow, Mrs. Rebecca Styron, has died since the last checks were received in December.

Checks for class "A" payments are for \$150.00; class "B" checks are for \$50.00.

Recipients of class "A" checks were: Mrs. Ellie Gray and Mrs. Mary E. Swain.

Those receiving class "B" checks were: Mrs. Henrietta Carlisle, Mrs. H. V. Cox, Mrs. Fannie G. Davis, Mrs. Annie K. Ferguson, Mrs. Alice W. McKeithan, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Addie L. Morgan, Mrs. Arney J. 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, Mrs. Mary E. Wilson.

Specialist Gives Garden Hints

Extension Horticulturist Of State College Gives Advice To Home Gardener For Summer Crops

The hot dry weather has been hard on the garden as well as the field crops, but we must keep on planting and when it does rain we will have seed in the ground which should grow rapidly. Additional plantings of both bush and pole snapbeans and butter beans should be made during the first and last part of June. Okra, corn and blackeyed peas should be planted also. Another planting of pepper and tomatoes will extend the season of these very desirable vegetables. Tomato seed can be planted where they are to remain and the plants protected and thinned out to one plant after they are up. If plants are used they should be planted as deep as possible, leaving the bed about two inches above the soil. This is necessary in order that the roots may be placed below the upper layer of soil which usually becomes very dry and warm during the summer months.

Sweet potato plants should be set not later than June 10 for best yields. Early plantings have a longer period for growing and a larger yield of prime potatoes will be produced. Fertilize the sweet potatoes with a fertilizer analyzing 3-8-8 and apply at the rate of 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre depending on the soil. Do not put compost or manure in the drill with the plants. It will cause the potatoes to be discolored and cracked and they will (Continued on Page Four)

Three Baseball Games In Week

Southport Town Team Playing This Afternoon In Wilmington; Will Go To Loris For Game Friday

Three baseball games involving two local teams are scheduled for the last part of this week, but only one of them will be played on the local diamond.

The Southport town team has a game scheduled with a Wilmington all-star nine this (Wednesday) afternoon; on Friday afternoon the local boys go to Loris for a game.

The Camp Sapona team will play on the local diamond Sunday (Continued on page 4.)

Galloway Passes Pharmacy Exam

Adrian Galloway, of Bolivia, who graduated this month from the school of pharmacy at the University of North Carolina, passed the examination of the State Board of Pharmacy held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week and now is a registered pharmacist.

Divorces Granted Here Last Week

Two divorces were granted last week before Judge Sam J. Ervin, who presided over the special term of Superior Court.

Mrs. Annie Blanche Thorsen was granted a divorce from Olaf Thorsen upon the grounds that her husband was a habitual drunkard.

Mrs. Lena Jacobs was granted a divorce from her husband, Robert E. Jacobs, upon the grounds of two years separation.

Clemmons Is Found Not Guilty In 'Touch Murder' Trial Held In Superior Court Last Week

Low Flying Plane Monday Believed To Have Belonged To Chamberlain

The gaint monoplane which skimmed low over Southport about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning is believed to have been the one belonging to Clarence Chamberlain, trans-Atlantic flyer, that was forced down a short time later in the inland waterway, near Wilmington.

The low-flying plane created considerable local excitement. Representatives of the Army Engineers office, in Wilmington, and a group of local citizens were looking over a proposed yacht basin site at the northern end of town as the ship came over. Immediately thereafter a group of kids came along on a bicycle to see if the men were landing from the plane.

The plane, a 40-passenger transport which Chamberlain purchased in Miami, Fla., Saturday, was set down on the waterway near Wilmington at 11 o'clock Monday morning. A speedy repair was made to a leaking copper pipe, and the plane continued her way northward.



Clarence Chamberlain

Brunswick County Jury Returns Quick Verdict Of Acquittal Following Trial That Lasted For Two Days

SKIPPER GUILTY OF 2ND DEGREE MURDER

Man Tried For Fatal Shooting Of Donald Scott Sentenced Thursday To Serve From Five To Seven Years In Penitentiary

Irman Clemmons went free on Thursday afternoon when a Brunswick county jury brought in a verdict of not guilty following his trial for the fatal burning of Hobson Sellers. The jury deliberated for less than thirty minutes upon evidence that had been introduced since Wednesday morning.

Solicitor John J. Burney sought conviction upon a charge of second degree murder.

Donald Skipper, whose trial for the fatal shooting of Donald Scott was completed Tuesday afternoon, was found guilty by a jury which returned its verdict Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The defendant was sentenced on Thursday afternoon by Judge Sam J. Ervin, of Morganton, to serve from five to seven years in the state penitentiary. No motion for appeal was taken.

The turning point in the trial came when an affidavit signed by 17-year-old Sidney Holden was presented by defense counsel to refute testimony given by the youth as a reputed eye-witness to the burning.

Young Holden on the stand Wednesday, told the jury he had accompanied Clemmons down the road near Supply. That they found Sellers lying ill in the road. He said Clemmons told Sellers to get up and that Sellers replied he was too ill to move. Clemmons then picked him up and put him on his feet, the youth said. But he added, after walking a few steps, Sellers complained he was too ill to go on and lay back down beside the road.

Enraged, Clemmons cried, "I'll get something that will make him move," young Holden said, and departed up the road. In a few minutes, said the youth, Clemmons returned carrying a can. He poured the contents upon the prostrate form of Sellers, the young witness went on, and then struck a match.

Sellers was immediately enveloped in flames, said young Holden and, frightened, he fled upon his bicycle.

Johnny Stone testified that after Sellers' clothing had been extinguished and rescuers were preparing to take him to the hospital in Southport he heard Sellers accuse Clemmons of having set him afire, adding, "And you cursed me while you were doing it."

Solicitor Burney charged the fluid which Clemmons is said by the Holden youth to have poured upon Sellers was gasoline.

On Thursday defense counsel put into evidence an affidavit, signed by Holden the day following the burning of Sellers which completely contradicted the damaging testimony he gave against Clemmons from the stand Wednesday.

Defense Attorney R. W. Davis said the boy had signed the affidavit (Continued on Page 4.)

Past Week Has Been Busy Time At Local Hospital

HEARING IN HALE BEACH MATTER ON

The referee's hearing in the matter of the Intra-State Waterway Commission, A. G. Myers, et al. vs. the Hale Beach Corporation was resumed Tuesday morning in Wilmington before Marsden Bellamy.

In this action the Hale Beach Corporation is seeking to recover \$50,000.00 damage for property loss sustained when the plaintiff in the suit condemned a right-of-way for the inland waterway.

Judge George Rountree spoke Tuesday for the beach body, and was followed in his argument by C. Ed Taylor. Their colleagues are R. W. Davis, S. B. Frink, Woodus Kellum and R. E. Sentelle. E. K. Bryan, W. B. Campbell and J. W. Ruark represent the plaintiff.

Total Of Ten Appendicitis Operations Performed At Brunswick County Hospital Since Last Thursday

FIVE OPERATIONS PERFORMED THURSDAY

Unusual Rush Has Filled All Beds At The Local Institution; Many Other Cases In Hospital

Ten patients have been admitted to the Brunswick County Hospital since last Thursday for the removal of their appendix, and this unusual epidemic plus the normal number of cases has filled the local institution to overflowing.

The high spot for the past week was Thursday, when five appendicitomies were performed. On that day Evelyn Gore, Carrie Benton and Corbett Holden, all of Shallotte, Mrs. Talmadge Varnam, of Supply, and Harris Cumber, of Camp Sapona, underwent operations.

On Friday Robert Garner, of Southport, and Tom Oats, of Supply, had their appendix removed.

William Shannon, of Southport, was operated on Sunday night. Thomas Earl Milliken and Gladys Mintz, both of Shallotte, were operated on Monday.

During this period there were three white babies born at the hospital. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kye, Jr., of Winnabow, Friday. On Sunday a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Webb and another boy to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Watts.

AT MYRTLE BEACH

Mrs. Mayme Moore left this week for Myrtle Beach, where she will operate the Mack-Moore Cottage this summer.

Catching Rattlesnakes In Steel Traps Is The Latest Of Sports

If a mule drawing a plow steps over a large rattlesnake it logically follows that the man following the plow should do likewise. John Doshier, truck grower living two miles from Southport, did nothing of the sort Friday morning. On the contrary, he detoured with surprising rapidity, his sudden activity awakening the more or less sleep-walking mule and the two of them there-by disturbing a huge rattler who had his mouth full of meat, a nearly grown rabbit that was furnishing the material for one long slow gulp.

The commotion caused the reptile to let go the half-swallowed rabbit, and with every indication of being in a most truculent mood, crawled off into the swamp while the man and mule looked on from a respectful distance and in a rather agitated frame of mind.

But, with the vanishing of the snake Mr. Doshier's ire began to rise to replace the entirely different emotion that had preceded it. No snake could do that to him and his mule and get away with it. He and his mule and plow proceeded elsewhere and the mule was undressed from his plowing apparatus and turned into the pasture to graze. The recent follower of the plow went to the wood shed where he gathered up his arms several large and vicious steel traps.

Thus equipped, he returned to the scene of his recent excitement and, after making sure that the snake was nowhere in the immediate neighborhood, carefully planned his implements of destruction about the abandoned rabbit. This operation performed, he went to the house had his dinner and accustomed noon-day nap in which various visions of rattlesnakes predominated. In the afternoon he sallied forth on (Continued on page 4.)

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, June 24	
8:37 a. m.	2:44 a. m.
8:37 p. m.	2:43 p. m.
Friday, June 25	
9:11 a. m.	3:23 a. m.
9:08 p. m.	3:20 p. m.
Saturday, June 26	
9:48 a. m.	3:59 a. m.
9:44 p. m.	3:54 p. m.
Sunday, June 27	
10:27 a. m.	4:33 a. m.
10:24 p. m.	4:29 p. m.
Monday, June 28	
11:10 a. m.	5:06 a. m.
11:09 p. m.	5:06 p. m.
Tuesday, June 29	
11:54 a. m.	5:39 a. m.
11:57 p. m.	5:55 p. m.
Wednesday, June 30	
12:42 a. m.	6:19 a. m.
	7:07 p. m.