

# THE STATE PORT PILOT

A Good News paper In A Good Community

The Pilot Covers  
Brunswick County

## Geechee Wins Class 'A' Cup In First Annual Southport Regatta Held Last Week

First Place Victory Thursday  
And Second Friday  
Gave Championship To  
Savannah Boat; Mischief  
Won Second Place

SYNDICATE LOST  
FIRST DAY'S RACE

High Tide Sailed To First  
Place Victory Thursday  
And Friday; Arrow  
Was Second In  
Class "B"

The Geechee, trim Class "A"  
boat owned and sailed by Frank  
McNinch, of Savannah, Ga., won  
the place honors in the 1937  
Southport Regatta by scoring a  
total of 8 points in Thursday and  
Friday races. The Mischief, owned  
and sailed by William Emmerson,  
of Wilmington, scored 4  
points for those two days and was  
second.

No results were recorded for  
Sunday when boats in classes  
"A", "B" and "D" were becalmed  
and failed to finish. Trophies  
were awarded in those classes  
on the basis of the results of  
Thursday and Friday races. In  
scoring the score for the in-  
dividual boats, each craft to finish  
received one point, and one point  
for each boat in her class defeat-  
ed by her.

The syndicate, favored to win  
down in Class "A", was  
defeated Thursday when she  
lost her skipper, Legare Rogers,  
grounded in a heavy sea and  
sank a buoy. She came in  
third Friday afternoon. The  
Geechee finished second Friday,  
followed by the Mischief  
and the Savannah.

The Carolina, Jimmie  
Sprunt's boat, turned over soon  
after the start Thursday, and fi-  
nished last Friday.

The High Tide, sailed by H. E.  
Dumars, of Beaufort, S. C., was  
the winner in Class "B". First  
place victories Thursday and Fri-  
day gave her 8 points. The Teal  
sailed by Everett Huggins, of  
Wilmington, won second place by  
virtue of coming in second in  
Thursday's race and fourth Fri-  
day. The Arrow, sailed by Bate  
Kline, of Charleston, S. C., won  
third place Friday after capsizing  
in Thursday's race. A series  
of misfortunes overtook Henry L.  
Taylor's Queen Mary. She was  
a trouble soon after the start  
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## Little Bits Of Big News

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

### New Justice

Big L. Black, aggressive New  
Del. stood ready Tuesday to  
take the oath of office as an  
Associate Justice of the Supreme  
Court of the United States. The  
last obstacle to his assuming the  
judicial robes was removed by a  
Senate vote of 63 to 16 approving  
his nomination, the first to be  
made to the court by President  
Roosevelt in three years of con-  
flict with the tribunal.

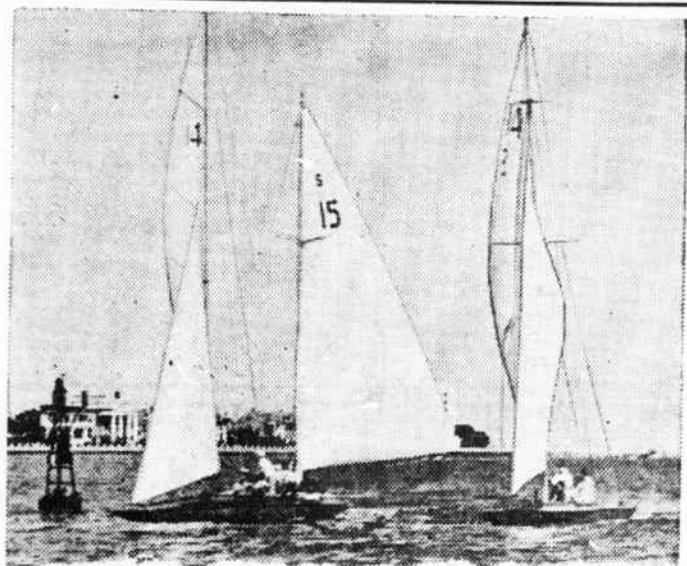
### Appointed

In a startling and unexpected  
move, President Roosevelt Tues-  
day stepped into a row among  
members of the Federal Commu-  
nications Commission as to policy,  
and appointed Frank R. McNinch,  
former mayor of Charlotte, for  
the last four years chairman of  
the Federal Power Commission,  
as acting chairman to clean  
house in the communications  
body. Shortly before, he sent to  
the Senate the name of T. A.  
M. Craven, chief engineer of the  
commission and former command-  
er in the Navy, as a member of  
the commission to succeed Irvin  
Barnett, whose term had expired.

### Roosevelt's Visit

Fairfax and the state's high-  
est officials gathered Tuesday to  
commemorate with President Roo-  
sevelt today the 350th anni-  
versary of the birth of Virginia  
Dane, the first white child of  
European parentage born in the  
New world. A steady stream of  
automobiles over a 74-mile flag-  
decorated highway from Eliza-  
beth City brought thousands  
Thursday and D. Bradford Fearing,  
secretary of the Roanoke Island  
Historical association, predicted  
more than 30,000 persons would  
hear the nation's chief executive  
speak at 3:30 p. m. (EST) Wed-  
nesday.

## Exclusive Company



**BUNCHED**—Chief interest each day during the regatta was centered upon the Class "A" boats. Above is shown, from left to right, the Mischief, Geechee and Syndicate at the red buoy turn in the river.

## Three-Day Regatta Was Holiday For Southport

Various Parts Of Program  
Of Entertainment Went  
Off Without Difficulty  
And Everyone Seemed  
To Have Good Time

**YACHTSMEN STAYED  
AT FORT CASWELL**

**Dinner Over At Hotel On  
Thursday Night And Ban-  
quet At Camp Sapona  
Saturday Night Were  
High In Favor**

From the starting gun of  
Thursday afternoon's race to the  
last number played for Saturday  
night's dance, Southport citizens  
were in their best holiday mood  
during the last three days of  
the past week as they played  
hosts to visiting yachtsmen and  
racing fans.

Following the Thursday after-  
noon races, attended by an esti-  
mated crowd of two thousand, the  
members of the yachting crews,  
members of the Carolina Yacht  
Club and several Southport citi-  
zens were guests at a dinner  
held at Ft. Caswell hotel. The  
crowd and dozens of other couples  
later returned to the Southport  
high school gymnasium to dance  
to the music of Vincent Eisler-  
man and his popular young or-  
chestra.

Again Friday afternoon there  
were hundreds of visitors here for  
the races, that day's crowd being  
somewhat slower to gather than  
the one for the previous day, but  
apparently just as large. The  
dance that night was played by  
the Anchorage Club orchestra, of  
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## Blood Poison Is Fatal To Child

Estelle Swain, 12-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George  
Swain, of Winnabow, died Thurs-  
day in the James Walker Mem-  
orial Hospital, Wilmington, from  
an attack of blood poison which  
resulted from a scratch on the  
face. She had been a patient  
in the Wilmington institution for  
two days.

The funeral services were con-  
ducted Friday afternoon from the  
Lebanon Baptist church, near  
Winnabow. In addition to her  
parents, the deceased is survived  
by one sister, Annie Swain.

## Convict Saves Four Persons From Drowning At Beach

From the convict camp at  
Supply comes the story of the  
heroic rescue of four fisher-  
men in danger of being  
drowned by Johnnie Varnam,  
prisoner assigned to the fish-  
ing camp at Holden's Beach.  
According to the story, a  
family of four came to the  
beach last week to go sur-  
fcasting. A boy in the party  
got beyond his depth, and  
his father went to his res-  
cue. In a moment he, too,  
was in water over his head.  
The mother made an attempt  
to help her son and husband,  
but she was dragged into deep  
water. A young lady in the  
party reached out with her  
fishing pole to help the

## REGATTA THIS WEEK AT CHARLESTON

In a telegram Monday Com-  
modore Thomas of the Char-  
leston, S. C., Yacht Club ex-  
pressed the appreciation of  
his members for the courtesies  
shown during the regatta at  
Southport last week. At the  
same time he extended a cor-  
dial invitation to all to attend  
the regatta at Charleston this  
Thursday, Friday and Satur-  
day.

Charleston had a regatta  
scheduled for the same three  
days as the one here last  
week. Discovering that the  
event conflicted with South-  
port, with fine sportsmanship  
they deferred their races until  
this week in order that their  
boatmen might come and par-  
ticipate here. Although South-  
port has no boats available  
now, Lieut. R. I. Mintz, who  
will be at Fort Moultrie this  
week, will attend the Char-  
leston event and carry a mes-  
sage of appreciation from the  
Civic Club to Commodore  
Thomas and the South Caro-  
lina sportsmen.

## Sasser Accepts Employment Job

**Former Brunswick County  
Welfare Officer Left On  
Sunday For Raleigh To  
Study For Week Before  
Starting Work**

Frank M. Sasser, for the past  
four years superintendent of pub-  
lic welfare in Brunswick county,  
has resigned from that position  
and left Monday to assume his  
duties as district manager of the  
state employment bureau, in Fay-  
etteville.

There has been no announce-  
ment regarding a successor for  
Mr. Sasser. So far, there has  
been only one applicant, although  
it is reliably reported that there  
may be others after the job.

Members of the board of coun-  
ty commissioners are in session  
today (Wednesday) and it is  
likely that some choice will be  
made at this meeting.

## Pleasing Prices Being Paid For Quality Weed

Columbus County Markets  
Continue To Pay Aver-  
age Of Around \$25.00  
Per Hundred For Tobac-  
co

**WHITEVILLE SELLS  
2,000,000 POUNDS**

Higher Prices Are Predict-  
ed When Better Grades  
Are Offered On Mar-  
ket; Larger Volume  
Expected

Friday's sales on the Whiteville  
tobacco market brought the sea-  
son's poundage to over 2,000,000  
pounds, Sales Supervisor M. S.  
Smith reported Saturday. Ap-  
proximately 400,000 pounds were  
sold on the market here Friday  
at an estimated average of \$25  
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per hundred weight.  
Good tobacco remains strong,  
Mr. Smith stated, with expec-  
tation of change indicated in good  
cigarette type.

The sales on the Chadbourne  
market Friday totaled 81,476  
pounds, which brought an average  
of \$22.18 per hundred weight.  
Glenn Richards, sales supervisor  
reported. A considerable amount  
of common tobacco was marketed  
he stated. The sales Friday  
pushed the total poundage on  
this market for the week and sea-  
son to about 400,000 pounds, Mr.  
Richards estimated.

Tobacco sales on the Tabor City  
market Friday totaled 81,698  
pounds, with the price average at  
\$24.95, J. M. Lees, sales super-  
visor, reported. Some of the bet-  
ter grades sold up to 50 cents  
per pound.

Friday's sales on the Fair Bluff  
market totaled 50,000 pounds,  
Sales Supervisor D. E. Wilson  
reported. The average price was  
estimated at \$26 per hundred  
weight.

All four of Columbus County's  
tobacco markets are anticipating  
increased volume at the beginning  
of the week.

As a result of the tobacco sales,  
Whiteville is experiencing a boom-  
ing business; smiles are etched  
across the faces of merchants  
and farmers are obviously pleased  
with the prices being paid for  
their golden weed.

## New Regulations Govern Hunting

**Several New Game Regu-  
lations Go Into Effect This  
Year Including Opening  
Of Deer Hunting Season  
On October 1st**

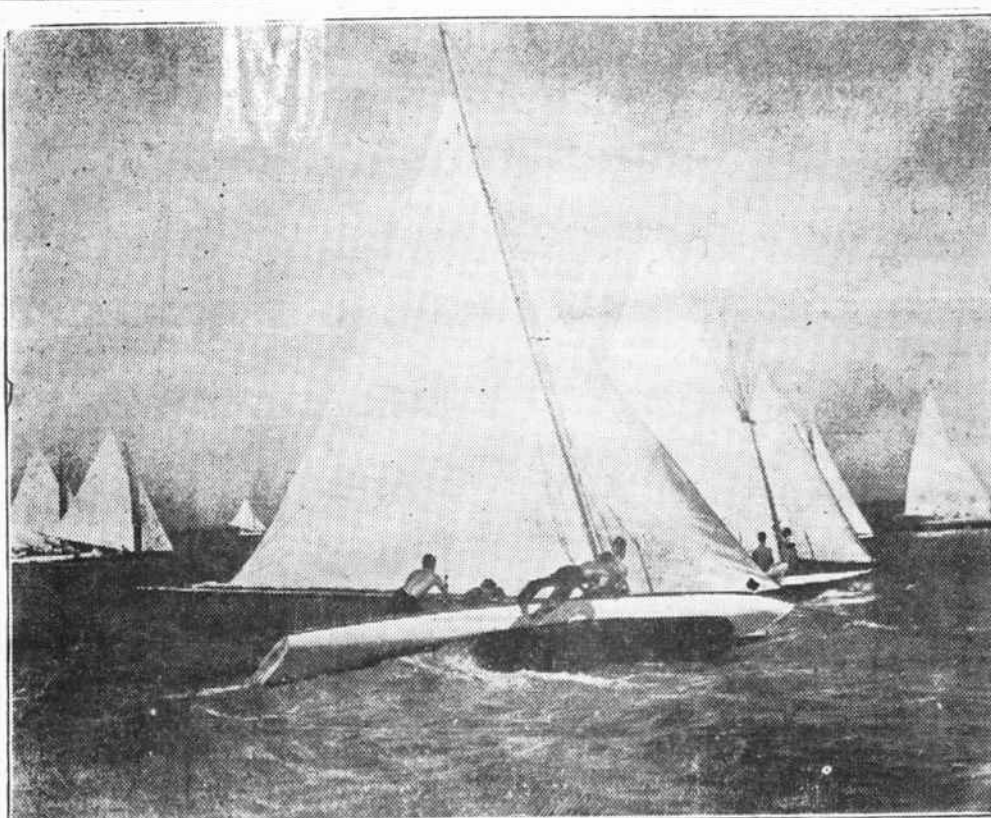
With the approach of the fall  
and winter hunting season, sev-  
eral new game regulations are  
called to the attention of North  
Carolina sportsmen by J. D.  
Chalk, Commissioner of Game  
and Inland Fisheries.

Deer hunters are notified of a  
new regulation governing the  
taking of male deer. The open  
season, October 1 to January 1,  
dates inclusive, is statewide, ex-  
cept for seven counties having  
no open season, and for Hoke  
County, which has a season ex-  
tending from October 15 to De-  
cember 15. The closed counties  
are in the mountains and include  
Alleghany, Ashe, McDowell, Sur-  
ry, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey.  
Squirrel hunters will find the  
following regulations in effect:  
open season, October 1 to Janu-  
ary 15, with the following ex-  
ceptions . . . no fox squirrel  
may be taken; split seasons,  
September 1 to September 30,  
and November 20 to January 31,  
will be observed in Alamance,  
Alexander, Anson, Caswell, Chat-  
ham, Davis, Durham, Forsyth,  
Franklin, Granville, Guilford,  
Northampton, Orange, Person,  
Rockingham, Rowan, Vance, and  
Warren counties. The other ex-  
ceptions affects the Western  
counties, where the open season  
on squirrel will be September 15  
to December 15: Alleghany, Av-  
ery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee,  
Clay, Graham, Haywood, Hen-  
derson, Jackson, Macon, Madison,  
Mitchell, McDowell, Polk, Ruther-  
fordson, Stokes, Surry, Swain,  
Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes,  
and Yancey.

A new regulation affecting  
Gaston County states, "open sea-  
son on all game birds and game  
animals, except quail, is from  
Thanksgiving Day to the end of  
the regular season. Quail season  
is from Thanksgiving Day to  
January 31."

According to the new Federal  
Migratory Waterfowl regulations,  
hunters may shoot during only  
one holiday this year, Christmas.  
The season does not open until  
after Thanksgiving, November,  
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## Plenty Of Action Last Thursday



**EXCITING**—Anyone who witnessed the races here last Thursday afternoon will tell you that there are plenty of thrills in watching a sailboat race. Soon after this picture was taken, the Carolina, Jimmie Sprunt's new Class "A" boat, was capsized, and before the afternoon was over seven other starters were overturned.

## Busy Session In County Court

**Numerous Cases Disposed  
Of In Recorder's Court  
Last Week And Defen-  
dants In Two Cases Sent  
Up To Superior Court**

Given a hearing Wednesday  
before Judge Joe W. Ruark, Del-  
bert Hewett and Lloyd Evans,  
white, were bound over to Superi-  
or court under \$250.00 bond each  
when probable cause was found  
against them for assault and hit-  
and-run driving.

Edgar Henderson, white, plead-  
ed guilty on two counts of break-  
ing and entering and was bound  
over to Superior court under a  
\$1,500.00 bond.

J. W. Benton, white, was found  
not guilty of charges of reckless  
operation.

W. R. Williams, white, pleaded  
guilty to charges of public drun-  
kenness; judgment was suspend-  
ed upon payment of the costs.

The case charging Helen Ever-  
ett, colored, with larceny was  
not pressed with leave.

Henry Coleman, white, pleaded  
guilty to charges of operating a  
motor vehicle with improper  
lights. He was required to pay  
the costs.

Edward Hold, colored, was found  
not guilty to charges of be-  
ing drunk and disorderly.

Clarence, Dave and Rachel  
Brown, colored, were found guilty  
of an affray. Mose Brown,  
also indicted, was found not guilty.

The three convicted parties  
were given 30 days each on the  
roads, this sentence being sus-  
pended upon payment of the  
costs in the case.

Edgar Johnson, colored, was  
found not guilty to charges of  
making an assault with a deadly  
weapon.

Archie Sullivan, white, faced  
charges of bastardy. In the terms  
of a consent judgment the de-  
fendant agreed to pay the sum  
of \$5.00 per month to the sum-  
mering witness for the support  
of her child, these payments to  
continue for a period of one year.

Olaf Thorsen, white, was found  
guilty of charges of public drun-  
kenness. His sentence of 30  
days on the roads was suspend-  
ed upon condition that he remain  
sober for a period of six months.

## Visit Renews An Old Acquaintance

Both raised in Union county  
where they had early connections  
with Beasley's Monroe Journal,  
Editor Henry Belk of the Golds-  
boro News-Argus and W. B.  
Keziah of Southport had not seen  
each other in 20 years until Tues-  
day of this week when Editor  
and Mrs. Belk and their  
daughter, Miss Marie Belk, drove  
down from Wrightsville, where  
they vacationing, and looked up  
their old friend.

As was to have been expected  
in the case of anyone meeting the  
Civic Club man, Editor Belk  
promised to return to Southport  
in September for the trout fish-  
ing. Accompanying the Belks to  
Southport were Mrs. Cecil Lan-  
ier Appleberry and Mr. Foster  
Edwards, of Wrightsville Beach.

### ATTENDS MEETING

Postmaster L. T. Yaskell at-  
tended a conference of post-  
masters of North Carolina this  
week in Fayetteville. Postmaster  
General Jim Farley was one  
of the principal speakers.

## Fesperman Acquitted On Charges Of Embezzlement

### MOUNTAIN SAILORS COMING TO TOWN

In a telegram Thursday the  
Paris Mountain Yacht Club  
of Greenville, S. C., expressed  
regret at the inability to have  
an entry here last week. At  
the same time the message  
stated that they would be here  
in full force for the regatta in  
1938.

The Paris Mountain Yacht  
Club is a regularly organized  
and incorporated boating or-  
ganization. Its yacht course is  
said to be the most highly  
elevated one in the world. All  
of its boats are small ones,  
said to include some of the  
finest little speedsters that  
will make spectators sit up  
and take notice when they un-  
furl their sails on the waters  
of the Cape Fear.

## Another Taken In Robbery Case

**Thomas Motley Surrendered  
Friday To Wilmington  
Police And Was Brought  
Here For Preliminary  
Hearing Today**

Thomas Motley, young white  
man accused of being an accom-  
plice of Edgar Henderson in rob-  
bing the A. F. Adams and Orton  
plantation homes last week, sur-  
rendered Friday to Wilmington  
(Continued on page 8.)

## Northwest H-4 Club Members Meet

The Northwest H-4 Club held  
its monthly meeting at the home  
of Miss Betty Peterson. The meet-  
ing was called to order by the  
President. The club pledge was  
repeated after which the song,  
"Dreaming" was sung.

The meeting was then given  
over to the Home Agent, Mrs.  
Marion S. Doshier. Miss Bernice  
Peterson gave a talk on her trip  
to Short Course at Raleigh after  
which the meeting adjourned.

Those present were: Adarene  
Skipper, Flora Biggs, Inez Pet-  
erson, Betty Peterson, Mary Burns  
Peterson, Betsy Kate Lennon,  
Mrs. Marion S. Doshier and Ber-  
nice Peterson.

## Sportsmen Look Forward To Moonlight Fishing Parties

Southport fishermen are  
anticipating some pretty  
good sport during this and  
next week, with the full  
moon scheduled to arrive on  
the 23rd. The old fallacy, if  
it is a fallacy, about the  
moon effecting crops also  
holds good in fishing.

Any fisherman, whether he  
uses nets or goes in it for  
sport, will tell you that fish  
can always be caught easier  
at about the time of the full  
moon. During these periods  
both shrimp trawlers and  
those who use nets for blue  
fishing are always assured of  
finding fish and making good  
catches, if the weather per-  
mits to operate.

## Trial Held Monday In Al- bemarle At Which Time Former County Prosecu- tor Was Found Not Guil- ty

### ESCAPED FROM LOCAL OFFICER

**His Whereabouts Were Un-  
known For Several Months  
Following Departure From Southport**

G. V. Fesperman, who resigned  
as prosecuting attorney of the  
Brunswick county recorder's  
court several weeks ago immedi-  
ately after Sheriff J. A. Russ  
had received a warrant from  
Stanley county charging em-  
bezzlement, was tried on those  
charges in Stanley county Mon-  
day and acquitted.

Fesperman escaped here from  
the deputies assigned by Sheriff  
Russ to make the arrest. After  
the warrant had been read to  
him he literally walked out of  
the back door of his home while  
the officers were waiting for him  
in front. He had asked to go  
into the house for something  
after reading the papers.

His whereabouts were unknown  
until recently.  
The warrant from Stanley county  
charged him with having em-  
bezzled two thousand dollars from  
T. A. Harwood, a citizen of that  
county, several years ago. It was  
said that the money was given  
him to invest for Harwood. In-  
stead of doing so he is alleged to  
have applied it to his own  
uses. It appeared at the trial at  
(Continued on page 8.)

## Mintz Attends Charleston Camp

First Lieutenant R. I. Mintz,  
Reserve Officers, leaves Thursday  
for Fort Moultrie, S. C., where  
for the next 14 days he will see  
active duty at the Citizens Mil-  
itary Training Camp.

While at Fort Moultrie Lieut-  
enant Mintz will call on Commo-  
dore Steven Thomas, of the  
Charleston Yacht Club, and ex-  
press the regrets of the South-  
port Civic Club that Southport  
has no boats to send to the re-  
gatta at Charleston this week. At  
the same time he will assure  
the Charleston club official of the  
great delight that Southport peo-  
ple experienced through having  
so many fine Charleston sports-  
men here last week.

## County Officials Named In Suit Of Bondholders

**Committee Representing  
Bondholders Seek Re-  
straining Order To Pre-  
vent Further Diversion  
Of Debt Service Money**

### MINTZ DEFENDS ACTION OF BOARD

**Says That No Diversion  
Was Made By Commis-  
sioners Until Question  
Arose Regarding  
Letter Of Agree-  
ment**

A notice of application for a  
restraining order was made last  
week by a Bondholder Protec-  
tive Committee composed of H.  
W. Pitkin, Paul R. Matthews,  
W. C. Braden, R. B. Houghan  
and Harry R. Niehoff and served  
on the board of commis-  
sioners, R. C. St. George, county  
accountant, R. I. Mintz, register  
of deeds, J. A. Russ, sheriff, that  
the committee would apply to  
Judge Meekins Monday, August  
16th, for a restraining order re-  
straining the above officials from  
making any diversion from the  
debt service account to the gen-  
eral fund. This hearing was con-  
tinued until August 31st follow-  
ing a conference between E. K.  
Bryan, counsel for the plaintiff  
and county attorney S. B. Frink,  
and Robert W. Davis, represent-  
ing the county. This suit also  
prayed for an accounting to de-  
termine how much money had  
been diverted by the Brunswick  
county officials and asked for  
whatever other remedies the  
Court may deem proper.

According to R. I. Mintz, reg-  
ister of deeds, in a statement  
made Monday, the amount of  
debt service money that has  
been used for general fund pur-  
poses will depend on what con-  
struction is placed on the agree-  
ment made between the bond-  
holders committee and the board  
of county commissioners two  
years ago. The county commis-  
sioners entered into this agree-  
ment in good faith and did carry  
out the essential provisions of  
the agreement. In April of this  
year there arose a contention be-  
tween a representative of the bond-  
holders and the board of county  
commissioners as to whether or  
not the county was complying  
with the agreement. The county  
had complied with the agreement  
up until that time as the agree-  
ment was explained to them by  
the representative.

Mintz also stated that the de-  
mands made by the bondholders  
could not be carried out without  
the levy of a prohibitive and un-  
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## Mrs. Lancaster Dies Suddenly

**Wife Of Southport Ner-  
chant Died This Morning  
On Way To Brunswick  
County Hospital**

Residents of the Southport com-  
munity were shocked this morn-  
ing to learn of the death of Mrs.  
J. W. Lancaster, who died while  
on her way to the Brunswick  
County Hospital.

Mrs. Lancaster had been ill for  
several days, but her condition  
was not considered critical. Her  
husband and a son, John Lan-  
caster, survive. There are several  
other relatives.

It was impossible this morning  
to learn details of funeral ar-  
rangements.

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table  
for Southport during the next  
week. These hours are approxi-  
mately correct and were pre-  
pared through the courtesy of the  
Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, August 19	
5:25 a. m.	12:19 a. m.
5:34 p. m.	12:26 p. m.
Friday, August 20	
7:02 a. m.	1:01 a. m.
7:11 p. m.	1:11 p. m.
Saturday, August 21	
7:37 a. m.	1:41 a. m.
7:46 p. m.	1:55 p. m.
Sunday, August 22	
8:11 a. m.	2:22 a. m.
8:21 p. m.	2:36 p. m.
Monday, August 23	
8:47 a. m.	2:59 a. m.
8:59 p. m.	3:17 p. m.
Tuesday, August 24	
9:25 a. m.	3:35 a. m.
9:40 p. m.	3:58 p. m.
Wednesday, August 25	
10:10 a. m.	4:10 a. m.
10:29 p. m.	4:41 p. m.