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Judge Cranmer Will Retire From Superior Court Job This Year

Man Who Has Served Superior Court For Almost Eight Years Will Not Seek Re-election This Year

PREPARES PRESS STATEMENT
He Expresses His Appreciation For The Fine Cooperation Shown During Service On Bench

Representative of the State Bar interviewed Judge E. H. Cranmer, and among other things the judge said he would not seek re-election at the end of his term, June 30, 1938, under the provisions of the law, and would not be a candidate for the Superior Court Bench. At the end of his term, he will be as Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina, ten years and ten months, and is profoundly grateful to the people of his District and his colleagues for permitting him to serve so long a term. Up to the time of his recent illness, for more than seventeen years, he has served on the bench, by reason of illness, only two weeks. Judge Cranmer said that one of his chief regrets on leaving the bench would be the loss to him of the close, and always agreeable, contact and association with the lawyers. He is proud to be a member of the profession, and carries in unforgetting memory the courtesy and kindness to him personally, and their unvarying respect and honor for the superior court bench. Judge Cranmer said that the lawyers of North Carolina, and especially those of the Eastern Division, know them best, will mean as fully with the members (Continued on page 4)

CANDIDATE



JOHN J. BURNEY

J. J. Burney To Run For Judge

Solicitor For This District Announced On Saturday That He Will Run For Position Of District Resident Judge

John J. Burney, solicitor for the eighth judicial district, yesterday announced his candidacy for the position of resident judge of the district to succeed Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, who announced Friday that he will not seek re-election.

Mr. Burney has been solicitor for the past three years. His term of office continues for another year. (Continued on page 4)

Hospitality Man Appears Before Commissioners

T. E. Pickard, Secretary Of Governor's Hospitality Committee, And Louis T. Moore, Member Of Advisory Board, Here

ASK COMMISSIONERS TO HELP PROGRAM

Show Added Advantages To Accrue To Counties Of State Which Add Own Efforts To Those Of The State

T. E. Pickard, secretary to the Governor's Hospitality Committee, and Louis T. Moore, manager of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and member of the State Advertising Advisory Board, appeared before the county commissioners Monday to explain the state advertising program.

Both these gentlemen thought Brunswick especially well situated to reap great benefits from the state advertising campaign. However, they pointed out that the state was not advertising any special counties or communities. The plan is to advertise North Carolina in its entirety and counties and towns desiring to take advantage of the general widespread publicity may do so through their civic organizations.

As a result of the advertising being carried on in out-of-state newspapers and magazines hundreds of inquiries are being received each week. These inquiries are regarding various business opportunities in North Carolina and everything else from hunting and fishing to trucking and general farming. For instance, in the classified list of inquiries for last week, sent the Southport Civic from Raleigh, there were 89 who asked for North Carolina farm lands that were for sale or rent. Thirty states and Canada made inquiries regarding farm lands that week, the largest number coming from Ohio.

The Brunswick board is having another meeting Thursday and if they see fit to cooperate with the state through the regular (Continued on Page 4)

ARE REPAIRING CLUB BUILDING

WPA Project For Making Extensive Repairs And Repainting Building Underway

A WPA project to repair and repaint the Army-Navy Club building here is now underway, and the rambling old building that has been the scene of many Southport social functions is rapidly taking on a new appearance. The project calls for the replacement of all broken windows and a complete repainting on the outside. Provision also is being made for the installation of showers in the Southport high school gymnasium, which is a part of the building.

J. W. McKeithan Died Thursday

Member Of Board Of Aldermen And Otherwise Well-Known Citizen Passes In Brunswick County Hospital

John W. McKeithan, prominent citizen of Southport and member of the board of aldermen, died Thursday morning at the Brunswick County Hospital.

The deceased, who was 68 years of age, had been in failing health for several years. He had been a patient in the hospital for only a short time, however, when his death came.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from Trinity Methodist church with the Rev. E. M. Hall in charge. Interment was made in the Southport cemetery with the following members of the board of aldermen serving as active pallbearers: Edward Weeks, Sam Watts, Robert Thompson, J. J. Loughlin, Jr., Edward Spencer, William Jargensen.

Honorary pallbearers were: John Erickson, Price Furpless, J. E. Frink, Clarence Crapon, Dr. Leroy Fergus, James E. Carr, Dave Davis, B. J. Holden, Dr. Bond, B. M. Hornsby.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. W. Heman Canady, 411 South Third street, Wilmington; two sons, Phillip T. McKeithan, Fishing, N. Y., and Joseph W. McKeithan, of Cape May, N. J.; two grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. M. E. Potter, of Southport.

R. L. Thompson Made Alderman For 1st Ward

Was Appointed At Special Meeting Held On Friday Night To Fill Vacancy Created By Week's Resignation

ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER DIES

Death Thursday Of J. W. McKeithan Leaves The City Board Still Minus One Of Its Members

At a special meeting of members of the Southport board of aldermen held Friday night R. L. Thompson was appointed to fill the unexpired term of E. R. Weeks, resigned, as one of the representatives from the first ward.

There still remains a vacancy on the board, due to the death Thursday of J. W. McKeithan, alderman from the second ward. His successor is not expected to be named until the regular meeting on the second Thursday in this month.

One of the items of business to come before the board Friday night was consideration of bids for the 1938 audit. The contract was awarded to Percy Canady, of Southport, who submitted the low bid.

Sam W. Watts, alderman from the second ward, was named clerk to the city board, succeeding E. R. Weeks.

The bids for furnishing the city with gas and oil for the coming year were awarded to the Standard Oil Company. Identical bids were received from three oil companies, but the Standard Oil Company maintains a distributing plant here and is a city taxpayer.

Death Due To Unknown Causes

Homer G. Smith, Colored, Found Dead Near Brunswick River Bridge Yesterday Morning; Inquest Held

Homer G. Smith, 40-year-old Wilmington negro, whose body was found in the woods near the Brunswick river bridge Tuesday morning, came to his death by "Unknown Causes", according to the coroner's report of the case. The negro was chased Monday evening by federal alcohol tax unit officers.

Coroner John T. Caison, of Brunswick county, said the evidence tended to show the negro had died of natural causes, probably a heart attack, brought on by over exertion and exposure.

Smith said the coroner, had abandoned his automobile and taken to the woods on foot after a chase by the federal agents Monday night. The agents pursued him on foot through the rice swamps in the vicinity of the Brunswick river for two hours before giving up the chase, the coroner said.

The negro's body was found yesterday morning at 7 o'clock just west of the Brunswick river bridge a short distance from the highway. Discovered by a young girl, the body was brought here pending the inquest.

The coroner said the body was not examined by a physician, but showed no wounds or external injuries.

Members of the coroner's jury were Dawson Jones, G. F. Ganey, Marvin Powell, J. E. Mintz, E. V. Evans, J. F. Coleman. (Continued on page four)

New Employment Service Planned

Beginning January 1 the territory surrounding the Wilmington office of the N. C. State Employment Service will include bi-monthly stops at Southport.

A representative of the Wilmington office will be at the local WPA office on the first and third Friday of each month.

Funeral Held For McDermitt D. Price

McDermitt D. Price, 64, died Monday morning in the Brunswick county hospital following a lingering illness.

The deceased was unmarried, and is survived by one brother, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Bethel Baptist church by the Reverend A. L. Brown, and the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were: S. C. Russ, Herbert Swain, Q. S. Ward, E. H. Price, F. B. Price, W. C.

Judge I.M. Meekins Signs Order Dismissing Bondholders' Suit Against Brunswick Officials

Elderly Resident Is One Of Town's Active Citizens

A. E. Peterson, Native Of Sweden, Came Here In 1888 With Late E. B. Stevens And Has Worked Here Since

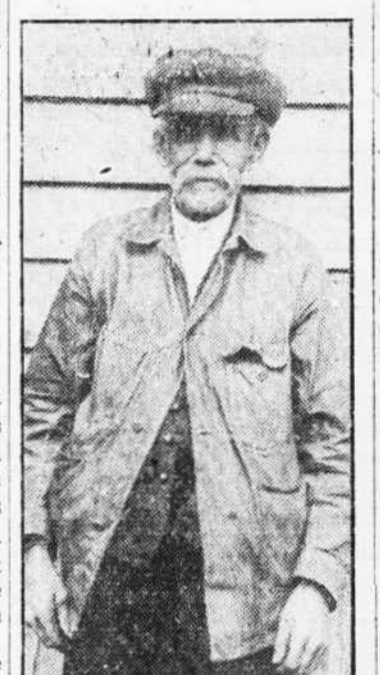
AMAZING FEATS OF AGILITY PERFORMED

No Uncommon Sight For This 87-Year-Old Man To Work On Top Of A House Or Work In Treetop

A. E. Peterson, elderly resident of Southport, is in many ways the town's most unusual citizen. Peterson is a native of Sweden and came to Southport in 1888 from Chicago with the late E. B. Stevens. He is 87-year-of-age, but despite his advanced years is one of the most agile workmen in the city.

It is not at all unusual to see him on top of some house mending a roof, nor doing any of the hundred-and-one other odd-jobs for which he is regularly called upon by local residents. Less than a year ago he took a contract to move a house from one part of the city to another, and he accomplished this feat with a minimum amount of trouble and expense.

Peterson has never married,



A. E. PETERSON

and his first love is flowers. Tube roses are his pets, and he gives hours of tireless labor to their culture. He is a regular contestant at the Southport flower shows, and each year his exhibits are identified by first-place awards.

Consent Agreement Reached Last Week By Attorneys Representing Brunswick County And Bondholders

LARGE SUM ON HAND FOR DEBT SERVICE

Agreement Specifies That In Future Monies Levied And Collected For The Debt Service Shall Be Used There

With an order signed last week by Judge I. M. Meekins the suit of Brunswick county bondholders against Brunswick county officials was dismissed without an answer being filed.

This action was by consent of attorneys representing the bondholder and attorneys for Brunswick county and the bondholders committee on December 10, 1937. It was agreed in the order that in the future all monies levied and collected for debt service purposes shall be used exclusively for debt service purposes as provided in an agreement between them and the bondholders committee on December 10, 1937.

At the present time Brunswick county has on deposit more than \$100,000.00 to be applied to the debt service fund. This amount is enough to meet all debt service requirements up to and including July 1, 1938.

The exchange of the old bonds for the new, which bear a lower rate of interest, will be made sometime early in the spring.

Last Week Was Bumper Season For Shrimpers

SCHEDULE FOR SOCIETY NEWS

In an effort to increase the local reader interest of The State Port Pilot residents of the city who have any news items to submit for the society or personal column are urged to get them in each Monday.

News stories may be written and left at the office of The Pilot, or they may be phoned in by calling either 59 or 68-R. All contributions are welcomed, so if you don't see the things that you want, it's your own fault.

J. H. Clemmons Funeral Held

Died Wednesday In The Brunswick County Hospital And Was Buried At Antioch Church Thursday

Funeral services for J. H. Clemmons, whose death occurred last Wednesday at the Brunswick County Hospital, were conducted Thursday afternoon from Antioch Baptist church with the Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor of the Southport Baptist church, in charge of the final rites.

He was a World war veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Burial was made in the church cemetery, with the following men serving as pallbearers: Pallbearers were: F. W. Spencer, Johnny Swain, Ernest Gilbert, Zade Williams, Allard and Quincy Clemmons; honorary—Floyd Kirby, C. E. Cause, P. L. (Continued on page 4.)

Crimp Made In Operations Monday And Tuesday As Production Fell Far Below Figures For Last Week

FISHERMEN ARE STILL HOPEFUL

Unusual Appearance Of Shrimp Here Last Week Is Believed To Have Netted \$20,000 Local Income

Last week was great week for the shrimp trawlers and the end may not be over yet, despite the fact that the operations yesterday and Monday produced poor returns.

The combination of high prices, good weather and a heavy production resulted in probably the best paying week on record for the boatmen. A lot of individuals are known to have cleared between three and four hundred dollars, and a large number of others did exceptionally well.

While the high prices are still holding out, neither the weather nor the production was anything that could be described as good on Monday and Tuesday. However, most of the fishermen appear to think that they will make good catches sometime this week. It is assured that boats will go out to look for the shrimp every day when the weather will permit and that this practice will continue indefinitely.

Usually all boats quit work at Christmas. Thereafter one or two boats may go out under favorable weather conditions. In such cases they usually make just a very short drag, and if they find no shrimp they return and make an adverse report. One result of this inadequate search and usually adverse report is that no more boats may

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Here Is New Sport That Promises To Be Profitable

Excusing only the bird dog, and he only because of the fact that there is no bark to him and his progress cannot easily be followed in marsh grass, any common or uncommon dog can easily and quickly be trained to hunt diamond back terrapins on marshland.

And in these terrapins, the Civic Club secretary believes, Brunswick has a valuable source of employment. It should not be a hard matter for a diligent worker and a dog to get from one to several dozen terrapins each day, working only at low tide.

This past week a Southport man happened to find 11 diamond back terrapins.

Actuated more by curiosity than anything else, he asked a local fish dealer to ship them to the northern market. He wanted to see what the auto-crats would pay for the terrapins.

After the local dealer, the expressman and the northern commission house had each taken his cut, the producer of the 11 terrapins received a very nice looking check for \$7.50 as his reward for picking them up and carrying them home.

Any sort of a barking dog could be trained to bay terrapins just as quickly as a hound will learn to trail rabbits, perhaps quicker. Brunswick has a lot of (Continued on page four)

Rules For Weed Plant Bed Given

Says Warm, Sunny Location Best For Tobacco Plant Beds; Soil Should Be Loamy And Well Fertilized

The seed bed should be selected in the warmest location where the soil is very loamy and will not have a tendency to bake and get hard or the other extreme which would be extremely wet natured. It is best to select new soil which has been covered with leaf mold in order to prevent grass and disease.

The seed bed should be thoroughly broken 4-to-6 inches, then pulverized until the soil is very fine. Two pounds of a 4-8-3 fertilizer, the potash derived from sulphate of potash magnesia, should be applied to each square yard of bed and mixed thoroughly with the soil about 3 or 4 inches in depth. Then the soil should be smoothed off to make sure there are no clods and the seed sown. It is usually best to thoroughly mix the seed with about two gallons of fertilizer or cotton seed meal to make a good carrier so that it will make possible a more even distribution of seed. After the seeds are sown, the soil should be packed lightly. The method most commonly used to tack a board to a wooden maul so as to tamp the soil evenly over the entire bed.

As soon as the seeds are sown and the bed tamped, a thin layer of wheat, rye or oat straw which has been thoroughly threshed should be broadcast over the bed. The straw should be evenly broadcast. Twenty pounds (Continued On Page 4)

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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 through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 23	
12:36 a. m.	6:36 a. m.
12:50 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
Friday, December 24	
1:31 a. m.	7:45 a. m.
1:45 p. m.	8:10 p. m.
Saturday, December 25	
2:25 a. m.	8:48 a. m.
2:41 p. m.	9:08 p. m.
Sunday, December 26	
3:20 a. m.	9:47 a. m.
3:41 p. m.	10:02 p. m.
Monday, December 27	
4:17 a. m.	10:40 a. m.
4:43 p. m.	10:50 p. m.
Tuesday, December 28	
5:12 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
5:13 p. m.	11:33 p. m.
Wednesday, December 29	
6:00 a. m.	
6:28 p. m.	12:16 p. m.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Quitting

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in an interview at his field headquarters near Wuchang December 22, said the Chinese have drawn up a new plan of operations which they believed would enable them to hold the Japanese at bay for some time. "We need only two months in which to reorganize and strengthen our armies, which naturally, owing to Japan's superior mechanical equipment, suffered considerable losses in Shanghai and Nanking," the general said. "By spring, we shall have 50 or more full divisions in the field. Japan thinks China is finished militarily, she is the most self-deluded nation in the world."

Request Granted

Nineteen convicts, who threatened to lead a sit-down strike at Caledonia Prison Tuesday to force their request for a "transfer" from Caledonia, had the opportunity to enjoy the granting of that request last night in solitary confinement at Central Prison. Captain I. D. Hinton, Caledonia Superintendent, having learned of the plans early morning of all B and C grade prisoners in their cells until 3 p. m. yesterday to thwart the scheme.

Senator

Representative Lister Hill, former Deal supporter, defeated Senator J. Thomas Heflin on Alabama's Senatorial primary Tuesday, apparently by a 2 to 1 margin. With 1,021 of the state's 2,200 boxes tabulated, the count was: Hill, 50,469; Heflin, 27,737. Charles W. Williams, newcomer to state politics, trailed far behind with 3,048. The frock-coated Heflin, whose speeches in the Senate prior to his defeat in 1929 were favorites of the gallery, heard the news of the election from a hospital bed at his home town of Fayette. He was stricken with pneumonia more than two weeks ago, and was unable to vote. (Continued on page 4.)

Payne And Turner Are Captured At Sanford

North Carolina's Two Most Elusive Criminals Were Taken Without A Shot Being Fired On Monday Night

G-MEN MAKE THE FINAL CAPTURE

Moved With Characteristic Smoothness And Efficiency As Usual Business Continued

Bill Payne and Wash Turner, North Carolina's foremost badmen, would have robbed another bank and fled the country had not they fallen into the trap neatly laid on Sanford's principal street by Federal agents Monday, Payne said Tuesday.

Payne and Turner, under the pressure of intermittent questioning by a corps of Federal Bureau of Investigation men, admitted a string of bank robberies in the two Carolinas since they took part last February in the sensational escape from Caledonia, but late in the day had not admitted any connection with the slaying of State Highway Patrolman George C. Penn near Asheville last summer.

At the end of the day, Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the (Continued on page 4.)

College Students Leave, Faculty Members Return

The week-end marked the departure of college students for their respective institutions following a holiday vacation spent at home; and the return here of members of the local school faculty who have been away for several days.

Following is a list of the students: Josephine Smith, and Lois Mae Ward, Meredith; Joe Ruark and Ike Roddick; N. C. State; Claude McCall, Wake Forest; Helen Dean Sutton, Lucy Anderson, David Watson and Dan Walker, Louisiana; Bobbie Davis, East Carolina Teachers College; Anna Taylor, Greensboro College; Eddie Jelks, Mars Hill; Edgar Hall, Uni-

TOBACCO CANVAS IN THE LIMELIGHT NOW

The farmers in this section are feverish with activity at this season getting their tobacco beds in shape.

But one need not drive through the countryside to know that Brunswick county farmers are launching their chief money crop. A certain barometer is the sale of tobacco canvas which is on display in numerous stores in this section.

The homely, unpretentious tobacco canvas is in its glory now and commands the choice place on the counters and in the show windows of stores. Bolts and bolts of the indispensable canvas are sold to form a protective blanket for the tobacco plants which will come peeping from the ground in weeks to come.

Commissioners In Regular Session

Members of the board of county commissioners met Monday in their regular first-of-the-month meeting. Most of the day was devoted to conferences with taxpayers of the county.

Southport Boys Beat Whiteville

The Southport high school basketball team defeated the Whiteville boys Tuesday night 21-19 in a thrilling game played in the Southport gymnasium. Victor Bartells was acting captain for Southport.

The Whiteville girls defeated the Southport lassies in their part of the double program.

Installation Of Masonic Officers

Newly Elected Officers Of Pythagoras Lodge Were Installed Tuesday Night By Past Master E. H. Cranmer

Elective and appointive officers for the Pythagoras Lodge No. 249 A. F. and A. M. were installed last Tuesday night. The ceremony was conducted by Past Master E. H. Cranmer, and a good crowd was in attendance.

C. Ed. Taylor was installed as master; R. L. Thompson, senior warden; R. F. Plaxco, junior warden; J. Berg, treasurer; J. R. Hood, secretary; Rufus Doshier, senior deacon; James Smith, junior deacon.

New Year Given Noisy Welcome

Boisterous Time Had In Southport On Friday Night As The New Year Was Ushered In

The New Year got a noisy and a boisterous welcome in Southport Friday night as the din of shouting voices, automobile horns, and clanking bells combined to usher in 1938 in "fitting manner".

Cannon crackers also were up in evidence, as the thunderous explosion of bomb after bomb rocked the city.

Parties in various sections of the city culminated at the stroke of 12:00 when singing of the familiar strains of "Auld Lang Syne" resounded tunefully in many homes.

Those who retired early were roused from their slumbers by the thunderous welcome which (Continued on Page 4.)