

Tentative Date For This Year's Regatta

Commodore Robert Strange, of Carolina Yacht Club, writes that August 11 has been tentatively set for beginning.

OFFICIAL RACES TO BE HELD HERE

Southport Event This Year Will Be Official Regatta For South Atlantic Association

Looking forward to making it a gala event, Commodore Robert Strange of the Carolina Yacht Club of Wrightsville has written the Southport Civic Club advising according to best information that the big annual regatta, scheduled for Southport this year, will begin on August 11th. Commodore Strange stated that officials would shortly begin contacting the commodores of the various yacht clubs in the South Atlantic Association. The exact date for the local event, it is understood, will be determined when these skippers are heard from. Last year the big starting event was held at Savannah, Ga. This year it goes to Wilmington at Southport, and it will be followed up by the local regattas at the various clubs from here to Florida.

The dates tentatively set for Southport are the same as last year when the Carolina Yacht Club sponsored what developed into a big event here. But, inasmuch as the event here this year is to be the official regatta of the association to start off all other events, it is possible that the various yacht club commodores may desire to advance the local event to sometime in July.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Bridge Collapses

With a roar that drowned out Niagara itself, America's famous "Honeymoon Bridge" which 39 years spanned Niagara's city gorge crashed in an ice-entire. So swiftly did the bridge that through watching from the gorges scarcely saw it go. For two days it had wavered because one of the mightiest ice ever to thunder over the falls, and motorist and pedestrian had been barred from using because of fears of a crash.

Deaths

Ebbie Baldwin, 25-year-old Columbus county negro was found guilty and sentenced to die for criminal assault upon a young white woman of Hillsboro within half an hour after his case went to a jury of Columbus farmers in Whiteville Tuesday afternoon. A few minutes later the negro was on his way to the death cell in central prison at Raleigh. Under sentence to die in North Carolina's lethal gas chamber between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. on March 7.

Accident Toll

Traffic accidents took at least 15 lives in the nation over the weekend. Weather contributed to the toll and freakishly so in the case of a boy whose bicycle broke through fragile ice on a river.

Georgia

The Georgia legislature sent Governor E. D. Rivers late Tuesday a county-option law drafted in 1935. Rivers announced he would sign it Friday. The bill, already approved in the senate, was passed by the house 105 to 85, or two more than the necessary constitutional majority. Twice in the last three years Georgia voters defeated referendum proposals for legalization of liquor, keeping the state in the column with Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Southport Burns

The Palm hotel and the adjacent early Sunday at Charleston. Operators of the beach estimated the loss at \$100,000. (Continued on page 4.)

Anyway, They Look Like Trees To Us Country Folks



"Wishing the Fort Caswell hot springs well, deponent still wonders why the excitement. There is no shade at Fort Caswell, even in July when one needs it." The above quotation from an editorial in The Greensboro Daily News aroused the indignation of local residents, who believe that the beautiful trees at Fort Caswell are one of the greatest assets for future development.

Organizations Will Work For Bridge Facilities

Louis T. Moore, of Wilmington Chamber Of Commerce, Offers To Cooperate In Effort To Secure Bridge

CASWELL BEACH ROAD IS BUSY This Fact, Plus Steady Increase In Waterway Traffic, Will Help Plan To Secure Good Bridge

Saturday Louis T. Moore, Manager of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, wrote the Southport Civic Club proffering all aid from his organization in securing a better road to Fort Caswell—Mr. Moore offered to contact State Highway officials asking consideration. The Civic Club was glad to accept the Wilmington offer, and the two organizations will work for whatever H. H. Thomas, of Fort Caswell, desires. The Civic Club thinks that the State Highway Commission should be urged on every side to take over and improve the remaining short stretch of road to Caswell. The club understands that a movement is on foot to build and place a new wooden pontoon bridge across the canal. At the (Continued on page 4.)

Will Organize Service Club

There will be a meeting at the Waccamaw high school gymnasium Thursday, February 10, for the purpose of organizing a Service Club. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock.

All high school graduates who are interested in carrying on their club work should plan to attend the meeting, which will be under the joint care of County Agent J. E. Dodson and the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Marion S. Doster. Miss Mamie Whisnant, of State College, will attend the meeting and will give an interesting demonstration on "clothing storage unit."

Inquiries Indicate Wide Interest In Sport Fishing

From the state representative, B. Munson, of Charlotte, the Southport Civic Club this past week received a request to supply L. E. Crandall, President of the Simmons Hardware Company, St. Louis, Mo., with all available information about Southport, especially about the sport fishing. This was in accordance with a request from Mr. Crandall to Mr. Munson. The fact is mentioned here to illustrate that a great many outstanding people in distant parts of the country have heard of and become interested in Southport and the sport fishing during the past year. It may also be mentioned

Bill Providing Funds For Vets Hospital Passed

President Franklin D. Roosevelt Also Gives Approval Of Construction In North Carolina

RENEW EFFORTS TO BRING IT HERE Local Citizens Expected To Make Every Reasonable Effort To Secure Government Hospital In This Locality

A special telegram received Wednesday morning from Congressman J. Bayard Clark states that the "bill providing funds for veterans hospital has been passed and president has approved construction of hospital in North Carolina." Several months ago when there was considerable agitation for the construction of another veterans hospital in North Carolina, Southport and Brunswick county citizens contacted Congressman Clark and others in authority relative to having the institution established here.

Local citizens believe that Southport, located as it is on the water, will afford ideal year-round conditions for convalescent patients. In advancing arguments in (Continued on page 4.)

Judge John B. Ward In Court

Recently Appointed Recorder Presides Over His First Term As A Crowded Docket Partly Cleared

Judge John B. Ward, recently appointed Recorder, presided over his first day of court here Wednesday and partially disposed of a crowded docket.

Wade Gore, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of non-support. He was required to pay the sum of \$2.00 per month for the care of his child and was taxed with the costs of the case.

Quincy Rabon and Cleveland Pittman, white, were charged with larceny. Rabon was found not guilty by the Recorder. Pittman, who was not 16 years of age, had his case remanded to juvenile court, where he too was found not guilty.

W. M. Matthews, white, was found not guilty of reckless operation of a motor vehicle while he was under the influence of intoxicating liquor. This case grew out of a hit-and-run charge.

Louis Bryant Pierce, of Wilmington, was found not guilty of charges that he operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Green Lewis, white, was found not guilty of charges that he committed an assault with a deadly weapon.

John D. Odum, white, was found guilty of assault and was given six months on the roads.

Henry McMillan, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of violation of the traffic laws. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

George H. Hildreath, white, pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Willie Wilson, colored, was found guilty of charges that he possessed liquor for the purpose of sale. His sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of the costs.

G. W. Hart, white, was found guilty of trespassing. He was given 30 days on the roads, this (Continued on page 4.)

Schedule For Club Meetings

"Lighting For The Farm Home" will be the topic of home demonstration club meetings during the month of February, according to Mrs. Marion S. Doster, home agent. Contributions to club meetings will be made by the dairy leaders, who will tell how to make good butter, and by the home management leader, who will discuss convenient heights for working surfaces. The recreation leaders will discuss Lincoln's Birthday ideas and Valentine Day.

FOR SOLICITOR



DAVID SINCLAIR

Sinclair Seeks Solicitor's Job

Will Be Candidate In June Primary For Position Now Being Held By Solicitor J. J. Burney

David Sinclair, prominent Wilmington Attorney, yesterday formally announced his candidacy for District Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held Saturday, June 4th.

Mr. Sinclair has practiced law in Wilmington for the past fourteen years with the exception of a year and half when he was a special prosecutor for the Federal Government.

Educated at the University of North Carolina, he began the practice of law in the Spring of 1924 and has since appeared in some of the outstanding criminal trials in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties.

Mr. Sinclair is seeking his first elective office. For the past decade he has been prominent in (Continued on page 4.)

Seafood Houses Are Reopened

Ben Gray Has Buyer On Local Market And N. C. Fisheries Begins Policy To Work Year-Round

The Ben Gray seafood house reopened here early last week with eight or ten boats coming from more eastern North Carolina sections to fish and shrimp for this concern. The house is in charge of Mr. Willis, of Straits.

The North Carolina Fisheries, Inc., also reopened their plant last week. This concern usually runs its rather expensive plant and equipment for only two or three months in the fall. The reopening at this season of the year is understood to be a prelude to a change in policy. The plant is in charge of Eaden Willis, of Williston.

Fodale Brothers, Wells Brothers, S. I. Burris and Arnold and Arnold have been on the market continuously since last fall. For some of these houses the season has been even better since Christmas than it was during the big fall season. Crabs, heretofore regarded as a worthless side line to shrimping, are being bought by all houses this year. Two cents per pound is being paid for this product.

Apart from the shrimping work, two local fishermen, John Potter, Sr., and son took 2,350 pounds of mullets, using nothing but a rowboat and gill nets, last Friday night. They had their shrimp boat with them, using it to store the fish from the rowboat as fast as the latter became loaded.

There is now about 70 shrimp trawlers here operating when the weather permits, an unusually large number for this season of the year.

Leland Women Hold Meeting

The Leland Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. S. Cook Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. A. H. Thomas, presided. The meeting was opened by reading "The Club Collect for Women," after which the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Marion S. Doster in which she discussed the major and minor projects as the lesson discussion, "Color in the Home."

Waterway Vessel Burns In River Near Southport

Captain, Pilot And Crew Of Six Men Escape In Life Boat As Boat Is Completely Burned And Sunk

HEADED SOUTH IN INLAND CANAL

After Escaping Burning Vessel Men Row Eight Miles To Orton; Southport Man Aboard

The inland waterway motor vessel Chelsea, 107 net tons, burned and sank in the Cape Fear River off Brunswick range at beacon 45, between Southport and Wilmington Tuesday morning.

The captain, crew of six men and the pilot escaped unhurt. The craft was owned by the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina line, of Baltimore. It carried 50 tons of freight, all of which was lost. The boat operated, with a sister ship, on a weekly schedule between Wilmington and Norfolk. It was en route to Wilmington.

Capt. H. O. Tolar, of Norfolk, said the origin of the fire was unknown but it was believed to have started in the cargo. Flames were first noticed, he said, at 1:15 a. m. creeping around the smoke stack and spread so rapidly the crew was forced to abandon the ship hurriedly.

The craft burned to the water's edge and sank after the master and crew had managed to put the (Continued on page 4.)

Robert Marlowe Goes To Payne-Turner Trial

Whale Is Sighted Off Southport

First sighting it in heavy seas and believing it to be a Naval Submarine, Southport shrimp trawlers report seeing a huge whale on the trawling grounds off Southport Monday.

The animal is described as having been well on the surface and the fishermen had a good view of it as it rose and fell in the heavy swells. Estimates as to its length go all the way from 100 to 150 feet. It was moving at an estimated speed of about ten knots per hour.

Negro Is Held Without Bail

Edgar Johnson Is Being Held For Trial For The Death Of Irving Harrison Two Weeks Ago

Edgar Johnson, colored, of Winabow, is being held in the Brunswick county jail without privilege of bond for the death of Irving Harrison, also colored, which occurred several days after a free-for-all fight which took place at a colored dance hall in Town Creek township.

According to reports, Harrison, who bore a good reputation, was an innocent bystander at the time he suffered fatal injuries.

Four others, said to have been participants in the row, are being held under bond of \$500.00 for trial in Superior court. They are Leroy Leak, Marie Holden, Dan Holden and Henry Lee Holdon. Leroy Bryant and Leroy Thomas were remanded to Recorder's court for trial.

Suggests Means Of Securing Spacious Hostelry Free

In a letter to Governor Clyde R. Hoey, this letter being forwarded to the local Civic Club with timely suggestions, Mayor Earl B. Hornor, of Lexington, offers ideas that may develop into something worthwhile to Southport.

FOR SENATOR



S. B. FRINK

Two Candidates Have Announced

S. B. Frink Will Seek Democratic Nomination For State Senate; B. J. Holden Will Again Run For Clerk

S. B. Frink, who represented this district in the State Senate in 1934, announced Monday that he will seek the Democratic nomination for that office again in the June Primary.

The right to name the senatorial candidate alternates between Bladen and Brunswick counties. James H. Clark, of Elizabethtown, was the senator in 1936. (Continued on page 4.)

Southport Boy Who Was Forced To Play Chauffeur For Notorious Criminals, Testified At Their Trial

PAYNE AND TURNER SENTENCED TO DIE Marlowe Says That He Recognized Payne As One Of Men Who Forced Him To Drive Car

Robert Marlowe, Southport boy who was forced by Bill Payne and Wash Turner to serve as their chauffeur in a night flight from Southport to Hallsboro on Sunday night before Christmas, was summoned to Asheville last week to testify for the state in the trial of the two men for the murder of Highway Patrolman George Penn.

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Two Punished As Five Violators

Two men, Early Bryant and Ervin Johnson, paid the costs in justice of the peace court Saturday when convicted of violating forest fire laws of the state.

County Fire Warden Dawson Jones is appealing to all citizens to cooperate in every particular with the forest fire protection program during this season when there is grave danger of destructive wood's blazes.

Cotton Growing In U. S. Began In This County

According To Story Which Appeared In Last Issue Of The State Magazine First Cotton Growing Venture Was At Town Creek

COLONY LOCATED THERE IN 1665

Cotton Thrived In This Locality, According To Story, But Colonists Decided To Move

An interesting article by Frances Latham Harris in the January 29 issue of The State Magazine tells about the introduction of cotton as a cultivated crop in the United States. According to the story, the first cotton produced in the United States was grown right here in Brunswick county, at the junction of Town Creek and the Cape Fear river.

Following an account of its introduction: "In 1662 the Lords Proprietors of Carolina wished to start settlements in their Province of Clarendon, so they authorized Sir John Yeamans, who was living in the Barbadoes, to organize the venture."

"Sir John was the son of an English cavalier who had been deprived of his lands by Oliver Cromwell at about the same time that Charles I of England was deprived of his head. He had gone to Barbadoes in an effort to regain his fortunes. Evidently his father's services had not been forgotten because he was given assistance by those in power under the reign of the Stuarts, who had regained the English throne. At the time the Lords Proprietors reached the decision to start their new colonies Sir John evidently was a man of considerable prominence in political circles. He accepted the responsibility of establishing the new settlements, and his first move was to send out an exploring party in the good ship, Adventurer, with three commissioners in charge. They were Anthony Long, Peter Fabian, and (Continued on page 4.)

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Plan To Reopen Fish Factory

Menhaden Products Company Plant Near Southport Has Been Idle For Several Years

R. C. Hayes, secretary-treasurer of the Consolidated Fisheries of Lewes, Delaware, has been spending the past two days at the plant of the Menhaden Products Company, on the Cape Fear, ten miles above Southport.

This local plant has been idle for the past seven years but the buildings, dock and machinery have been kept up and in good condition. In an interview with the Civic Club Secretary yesterday afternoon Mr. Hayes definitely stated that they would reopen and operate the Menhaden Products Company plant this year.

The Consolidated Fisheries owns and operates a large number of steamers to provide products for the several plants owned in the north, notably in Delaware and New York. It will be remembered that in the hurricane of two years ago one of their boats sank in Long Island Sound with the loss of several lives.

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.	7:43 a. m.
1:45 p. m.	8:10 p. m.
Saturday, December 25	
2:25 a. m.	8:48 a. m.
3:41 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.
5:19 p. m.	11:38 p. m.
Wednesday, December 29	
6:00 a. m.	
6:26 p. m.	12:16 p. m.

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