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Three Negroes Are Killed In Collision Between Car And Large Oil Tanker

Negroes Perished In Wrecked Automobile Sunday Afternoon On Highway Near

OF TANKER ESCAPED IN CRASH

Of Sunday Afternoon Riders Witness Terrible Accident Across Line In Brunswick County

One of the most gruesome accidents that has occurred in recent years in Brunswick county, three negroes were killed in a collision between a wrecked automobile and a large oil tanker following its collision with a truck near Leland on Sunday afternoon.

The men were burned to death. The third was burned but not as severely as the other two.

Driver Not Hurt

Driver of the laden oil tanker, W. Goodwin, of Wilmington, was not injured.

The truck, which swerved off the highway, was damaged considerably but his cargo of hundreds of gallons of gasoline did not leak.

The dead were: George Simpson, 25; George Elliott, 28; and Robert Simpson, 22, all of George.

They were residents of Council Bluffs county, and worked at the Guano company.

The only negro survivor of the wreck was Richard Simpson, also brother of two of the dead men.

He was found lying on the ground ten feet from the wrecked automobile in an unconscious condition. He was taken to James Memorial hospital where he was found that he was suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and lacerations of the face.

The truck belongs to the Quality Transport company, of New-Salem.

It was said that he was proceeding west when the automobile, driven by Elliott, swerved from another oil truck proceeding east. The car crashed into the side of the tanker, throwing the passenger car over on the side of the road.

After turning several times, the car was completely wrecked. The fire was started by gasoline spilling from its smashed tank. The flames roared.

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Little Bits Of Big News

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

SEEKS GOLD

Walker, former mayor of New York City, has turned his hand to Treasure hunting and his brother, Dr. W. Walker, hold a 25 per cent share in the Carolina Exploration Co. Louis H. Hepp, mining expert, is also in the hunt. The search is to be carried on not in a practical and scientific manner. The Walkers own a large instrument invented by Giovanni Granazio, which led to the pursuing this experiment.

The instrument has already been used in the discovery of gold at Gastonia. So far they have uncovered the ship, sunk over three centuries ago, but it is being sunk and reburied soon be evident. They are working at Topsail reef.

FEED SNAKE

Charlotte Saturday members of the City Council and Mayor were called on to perform one of the strangest duties credited to city officials. It was the feeding of a giant python, for the time in 9 months due to a snake's throat, received nourishment. The feeding required 18 gallons of a greased rubber tube consumed several gallons of milk.

SHIP PANCAKES

The second time in a week that an air liner crashed after being incinerated and four men burned before airport could liberate them from the wreckage that lasted for two

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Surfacing Road From Waterway To The Beach

State Highway employees under the direction of W. R. McAuley are working this week surfacing practically all of the unpaved stretch from the inland waterway to Caswell Beach.

The causeway from the bridge to the edge of the woods on the beach side has been adjudged too low to be practical for paving and this is being left uncoated. Beginning at the edge of the woods and running straight to the beach the hardsurface will run down the strand to the old Caswell Beach pavilion and connect there with a male section that was poured last fall.

The asphalt is being hauled and poured the first three days of this week. Mixing and rolling operations will continue for several days until the surface is in tip-top condition for traffic.

Numerous Cases Before Recorder

Busy Session Of Recorder's Court Disposed Of Here Monday As C. Ed Taylor Completed Final Session As Solicitor

Before court adjourned Monday Judge Walter M. Stanaland publicly expressed his approval of the manner in which C. Ed Taylor has filled the office of prosecutor of Brunswick County Recorder's Court. Mr. Taylor turns over the duties of this office to J. W. Ruark beginning next Monday.

The action against Watts Smith, white, for being drunk and disorderly was not pressed.

George E. Jones, white, was named in three warrants. He was found guilty of larceny and not guilty of trespass and being drunk and disorderly. On a third count, which was for drunken driving and transporting, he was given 8 months, this sentence being suspended upon condition that he remain of good behavior for a period of 12 months, surrender his drivers license for that period, pay a fine of \$50.00 and the costs of the action.

David Williams, colored, was found guilty of reckless operation but judgment in this matter was withheld.

Rufus Eugene Williams, colored, was found guilty of having no operators license and no brakes but judgment in this case, too, was held open.

Joe Harrison, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of non-support. He was ordered to pay the sum of \$3.00 per week to the clerk of court for the support of his family.

Johnnie White, white, was found not guilty on charges of trespassing, being drunk and disorderly.

Judgment was held open in the case charging Murdock Hill, colored, with larceny.

Fred Piggott, colored, was found not guilty of receiving stolen property.

Judgment was left open in the case charging James Murphy, colored, with larceny.

Corbett Hankins, colored, was adjudged guilty of resisting an officer. His sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs.

Landscape Man To Visit County

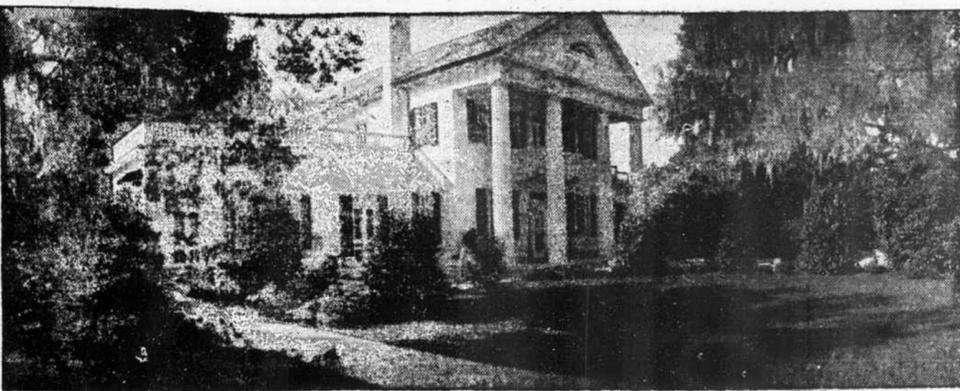
John Harris, extension landscape specialist from State College, will be in Brunswick county Friday and will conduct demonstrations at four different places for the benefit of home beautification leaders of the various clubs.

At 9:30 o'clock he will be at the home of Mrs. Lacy Bennett at Hickman's Crossroads; at 11:30 o'clock he will be at the home of Mrs. J. E. Dodson at Exum; at 2 o'clock he will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Mintz in Bolivia and at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Fletcher Simmons in Leland. These homes were designated by the county council.

Honorary pallbearers were J. Love Davis, H. W. Keen, E. Fleet

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Orton Plantation Is Scene Of Beauty



MANSSION—At this season of the year there is no more beautiful spot in North Carolina than Orton Plantation. The stately colonial mansion pictured above is the oldest in North Carolina. The grounds about the house are aflame with gorgeous color now as the azaleas are in full bloom.—(Photo by Louis T. Moore—Cut courtesy Star-News.)

Withdraws Name From Candidates For Power Job

Representative Cornelius Thomas In Statement To Press Says That This Act Is In The Interest Of Harmony

FIRST INTEREST IS ELECTRIFICATION

Thomas Says That He Wants No Local Row To Block Path Of Securing Electric Power For County

Representative Cornelius Thomas in a special delivery letter to The State Port Pilot today (Wednesday) says that he is withdrawing his name from further consideration as superintendent of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

In his statement which follows he gives his reasons for this action:

"It is my desire to announce through your paper to the people of Brunswick and Columbus, that because of some malicious rumors in Brunswick, I am withdrawing my name from consideration for any position with the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation. The success of this project means much to me. If it had not been for my efforts we would not have the opportunity of the project and I do not intend to jeopardize it because some few people in Brunswick seem to have it in for me.

"I want to thank my loyal friends for their support. I want them to know that I am at their service at any time I can help with this project. A small minority seems to be willing to throw the project because of me, and rather than defeat it, I am willing to step aside.

"The only thing that is liable to defeat the project is the delayed pretreatment work.

"I want to urge my friends to strain every nerve to get this work done and into the Washington office as soon as possible.

"CORNELIUS THOMAS."

Mrs. Doshier Is Interred Here

Mrs. Mary Martha Doshier Died Sunday Morning At Home Of Her Son In Wilmington

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Martha Doshier, 85, wife of the late W. S. Doshier, who died at the home of her son, A. L. Doshier, 2102 Pender Avenue, Wilmington, early Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks, were held from the Fifth Avenue Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Services were conducted by the Rev. C. D. Barcliff, pastor of the church.

Following services the funeral cortege left for Southport, where interment took place.

Mrs. Doshier is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eva Newton; two sons, A. L. Doshier and Wilbur R. Doshier, of Wilmington; one sister, Mrs. Dunbar Davis, of Southport; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church.

The funeral was largely attended by both Southport and Wilmington people, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Honorary pallbearers were J. Love Davis, H. W. Keen, E. Fleet

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City Executive Committee Meets

Date For Nominating Conventions For City Offices Set By Members In Meeting Monday Night

Members of the executive committee for the city of Southport met Monday night and set the dates for conventions to be held for the purpose of nominating officers who are to run in the city election on May 2.

The mayor will be nominated on Monday night, April 17; two aldermen from the 1st ward will be nominated the following evening. Skipping Wednesday night because of prayer meeting, voters of the 2nd ward will meet Thursday night to name their two aldermen; aldermen for the 3rd ward will be named Friday night. All meetings are scheduled for 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse.

Registration books will be open from April 15 to April 22, inclusive. Registrars are Mrs. Will Davis, 1st ward; Mrs. George Y. Watson, 2nd ward; Mrs. Annie K. Vitou, 3rd ward.

Members of the executive committee are L. T. Yaskell, chairman, R. Will Davis, H. T. St. George, J. E. Church, C. R. Liv-

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Boxing Bouts Prove Exciting

Bouts Between Local Kids Staged Last Night In High School Gymnasium Before Good Crowd

In one of the most colorful 'swing sessions' Southport has ever witnessed, a group of local boys presented a highly entertaining boxing card Tuesday night.

A wildly cheering crowd sat through 14 bouts. The main bout of the evening between Johnnie Simmons and Walter Jones, was won by Simmons on a decision. The two main preliminaries were draws. Joe Christian and Ruby Sellers and Ervin Joye vs Roby Simmons.

The lighter fighters, sometime referred to as paper-weights, were greeted with enthusiasm seldom seen at important meets. All were declared draws and lasted only two rounds. The four

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Now This Man Keziah Is Consorting With Lady Ghosts

In last weeks issue of this paper there appeared a story that mentioned the fact that the headless ghost of a Spanish Pirate chased W. B. Keziah, two young Wilmington men and three young Wilmington ladies who were with them clear across Bald Head Island on a recent midnight.

Mr. Keziah says he has never done anything to the ghost and that he does not want to do anything to him. So he has been investigating to determine the cause of the involuntary marathon across the island.

His investigations have led to a curious and important discovery, one that should attract nation-wide attention. Namely what became of Theodora Burr, most beautiful of women, daughter of Aaron Burr, who was the third vice-president of the United States. Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel in 1804 and thereafter he rapidly faded as an outstanding national figure.

A few years after the slaying of Hamilton, according to facts which history bears out, Aaron Burr placed his beautiful daughter, Theodora, on board a ship at Charleston in order that she might journey north to visit relatives. From that day to this nothing has been heard of either the ship or the beautiful passenger.

But for many years parties abroad on Bald Head Island have been seeing the ghost of a very beautiful woman, wandering about and apparently seeking to escape from the island. Still more frequently the headless ghosts of Spanish Pirates have been encountered on the island. They were likewise wandering about and apparently seeking someone.

The explanation offered by Mr. Keziah as to the disappearance of the beautiful

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Legislation To Extend Terms

In Addition To Bill For Extension Of Term For Recorder Another Is Passed For County Commissioners

The bill introduced several weeks ago by Senator S. Bun Frink to extend the term of Recorder W. M. Stanaland until 1942 was reported favorably by house judiciary committee No. 1 Thursday morning over the protest of a Brunswick county delegation and has been enacted into law.

Nine men were in Raleigh for the hearing and were given five minutes to present their case. They were R. I. Mintz, chairman of the executive committee, R. Will Davis, R. L. Thompson, John B. Ward, T. T. Ward, H. O. Peterson, L. H. Reynolds, O. A. Lewis and George R. Foulke, Jr.

These men were firm in their opposition to the bill and told members of the committee so in no uncertain terms. The bill had the sanction of Representative Cornelius Thomas.

Mr. Thomas previously had introduced a bill extending the

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Radio Program Goes Over Well

Many Favorable Comments Received During The Program Presented By Southport School Students Saturday

The program presented Saturday morning by Southport high school and grammar grade students received enthusiastic response from listeners of radio station WMPD, Wilmington.

Going on the air at 11 o'clock the local boys and girls presented a variety program that started with a welcome by Frank Plaxco, Jr., later repeated by request—and ended with an operetta.

In the meantime the work of the vocal groups was bringing in request after request for other numbers. Particularly popular were the girls septet and a sextet comprised of younger children. Also popular was John Hall, high school senior, who played a piano

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Date Of Annual Flower Show Is To Be April 27

Annual Event Sponsored By Members Of Southport Woman's Club Will Be Held In Masonic Recreation Hall

LIST OF CLASSES FOR COMPETITION

All Exhibits Must Be In Before Noon On Day Of Show In Order That Judges May Have Time To Work

April 27 is the date set for the 1939 Flower Show sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club, according to Mrs. Marion S. Doshier, general chairman for the show. The left wing, or recreation hall of the Masonic building will house the exhibits and will be open to the public from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 9 o'clock in the evening.

All entries must come in between 9 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon as no exhibits will be accepted this year after that time. This is in order that all exhibits be ready for the judges at 12:30 o'clock.

The following classes are open for competition:

Class A—Perfection of bloom or most perfect specimen. These must be grown by the exhibitor and may include roses (any variety), poppies (single or double), pansies, verbena, azalea, lilies, sweet peas, tulips, gladioli, and zinnia.

Class B—Artistic arrangement. Any flower, wild or cultivated. This class may include roses, magnolia, daisies, violets, ragged robins, phlox, petunia, etc., or a mixed bouquet.

Class C—Best porch arrangement. (In vase, urn, basket or wall pocket.)

Class D—Bedside tray. Everything, (china, linen, silver, etc.) furnished by the exhibitor.

Class E—Seasonal table centerpiece. Any season, no china, linen or silver.

Class F—Potted Plants. In order to make for fairer competition, the flower show committee has limited plants to be entered in this class. Instead of offering one prize for the best potted plant, prizes will be awarded to each of the following specimens: geranium, begonia, amaryllis, and blooming cacti.

The following were active pallbearers: C. J. Newton, Dr. R. C. Daniel, John Eriksen, H. M. Shannon, W. S. Davis and H. T. St. George.

Honorary Pallbearers were I. D. Harrelson, S. B. Frink, R. I. Mintz, S. T. Bennett, M. B. Watkins, R. C. St. George, Chas. E. Gause, Price Furpless, Clarence Spencer, Captain I. B. Bussels, Captain J. I. Davis, Captain Tommie St. George, Captain Fred Wiling, Captain William L. Styron; R. W. Davis, Dr. L. C. Ferguson, J. A. Maxwell, J. L. Moore, J. W. Lancaster, R. J. Holmes, Captain Fred Burris, J. Berg, Edwin Dozier, H. B. Aldridge, J. E. Carr, R. O. Johnson, K. Tobiasen and Captain J. B. Church.

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Orton Plantation Seeped In History Of Colonial Government Of Carolina

Clean-Up Week For Southport Begins Monday

Next week has been designated by Mayor John D. Eriksen as annual clean-up week for the city of Southport and during that period all property owners are urged to make special efforts to clean their premises of all trash and unsightly rubbish.

Arrangements are being made to have extra help on the city garbage truck during next week in order that trash piles may be removed as quickly as they are gathered by industrious citizens.

"From now until late fall our city will have a steady flow of visitors", Mayor Eriksen said, "and if we want them to go away with a good impression of our town we must get everything shipshape early in the season. I hope that everyone will cooperate in cleaning up the town next week."

Famous Plantation Located On Banks Of Cape Fear Eight Miles Above Southport Is Mecca For Tourists

MANSSION WAS BUILT IN COLONIAL DAYS

King Roger Moore Was Original Owner And His Tomb Is Located Near The Big House

(By W. B. KEZIAH)

Few Brunswick people really know much about the beautiful and historic Orton Plantation on the Cape Fear ten miles above Southport. Outside of the fact that we knew that the stately mansion and grounds were probably the most beautiful in the entire south, we personally knew little of Orton and its history.

Having seen the plantation often and being anxious to know more about its history, we recalled our good friend, Louis T. Moore of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the fact that it was an ancestor of Mr. Moore who built the mansion. If anyone knows much of the history of Orton Louis Moore should be that man.

Accordingly, Mr. Moore was cornered recently and was asked to outline the history of Orton. The following story is based on the details which he furnished and may be regarded as fully authentic.

"King Roger" Moore

At the beginning of the seventeenth century the Lord Proprietors in England granted to Roger Moore, an English gentleman, a tract of ten thousand acres of land on the west bank of the Cape Fear river in what is now Brunswick county. Some years later in 1725 Roger Moore began the construction of the Orton Mansion. The land and mansion remained in his family for three generations.

Roger Moore built his home with the danger from Spanish pirates in mind. The ever hostile Cape Fear Indians and their flaming arrows were also duly considered. The walls of Orton were made two-feet thick and of the best brick and stone obtainable. Today two hundred and fourteen years after the brick and stone were laid they remain firm, a tribute to the master builders who settled the United States.

Brunswick town sprang up within a mile of Orton. In fact, the town was on the Orton lands and likewise on the banks of the Cape Fear. History tells us that Brunswick once had a population of seventeen hundred souls, as many inhabitants as Southport now has.

Mr. Moore's influence and power in Brunswick was so great and he was so generally esteemed the honorary title of King was bestowed upon him by his fellow settlers. To this day he is spoken of as "King Roger" Moore. The great stone tomb in which his body lies on the banks of the Cape Fear river is inscribed "King-Roger Moore."

Brunswick Ghost Town

Despite troubles common to early settlements the town of Brunswick at Orton thrived for many years. The most outstanding of the first of the troubles was its capture by a Spanish expedition.

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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 The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, March 30	
2:57 a. m.	9:41 a. m.
3:45 p. m.	9:57 p. m.
Friday, March 31	
4:06 a. m.	10:36 a. m.
4:48 p. m.	10:56 p. m.
Saturday, April 1	
5:09 a. m.	11:29 a. m.
5:42 p. m.	11:52 p. m.
Sunday, April 2	
6:00 a. m.	12:20 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	12:30 p. m.
Monday, April 3	
6:51 a. m.	0:45 a. m.
7:15 p. m.	1:09 p. m.
Tuesday, April 4	
7:36 a. m.	1:36 a. m.
7:58 p. m.	1:56 p. m.
Wednesday, April 5	
8:20 a. m.	2:25 a. m.
8:43 p. m.	2:40 p. m.

Homecoming Day At Andrews Chapel

Homecoming day will be observed at Andrews Chapel Methodist church near Hickman's Crossroads next Sunday, April 2, beginning at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

All members and former members and friends are invited to attend. Special speakers who are to be on hand promise a most interesting program.

Wilmington Man Seriously Hurt

Paul Willis, young Wilmington man, is in a critical condition at the Brunswick County Hospital where he was brought early Monday morning after he had been found lying unconscious near his wrecked automobile.

His car is said to have struck an abutment of the bridge at Shallotte, throwing him free of the machine. Included among his injuries is a fractured skull.

Photographers On Visit To Island

Bald Head Island Was Given Complete Photographic Investigation By Members Of Wilmington Camera Club Sunday

More than 300 pictures of scenes on Bald Head Island were made Sunday by twenty members of the Wilmington Camera Club and the Southport Civic club. It was a big day for making pictures and the Wilmingtonians all expressed the hope of being able to return soon for more of the work.

The Wilmington party was composed of Bobby Little, Dr. C. B. Davis, Miss Margaret Williams, John Spillman, Fred Wolfshimer, Miss Helen Lovering, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fatterson, Miss Elane Kilpatrick, B. S. Solomon, Henry McMillan, C. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Humphrey, Billy Nixon, Mrs. A. B. Love, Jr., Miss Ethel Williams, Phil Bunn and Ben Weams.

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