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Board Requests Cancellation Of Term Of Court

Members Of Board Of
County Commissioners
Ask Governor Hoey To
Cancel June Term Of
Brunswick County Court

MATTERS ARE STILL IMPORTANT

Will Meet During
Of June 12 As
Board Of Equalization
And Review

Members of the board of commissioners met in special session Monday and Tuesday, during their more important business, to consider the proposed cancellation of the June term of Superior Court.

The board of commissioners will meet June 12 as a board of equalization and review for the purpose of making adjustments in the listing of property for 1939.

On that day they will hear complaints of citizens of Brunswick and Town Creek townships, and on Wednesday, June 14, they will hear the citizens of Liberty and Lockwoods Folly townships, and on Friday, June 16, they will hear the complaints of citizens of Shallotte and Wainwright townships.

The board of commissioners again took up the matter of the proposed cancellation of the June term of court. It was decided that the board will not recommend the cancellation of the June term of court.

The board of commissioners passed a resolution to require all beer licenses to be purchased before the expiration of the license.

The board of commissioners requested the state highway commission to add to the Brunswick road system the following roads: Woodburn to the Lanvale road; the road known as the road connecting the Supply-Holden road with the Supply-Holden road; the road connecting the Supply-Holden road with the Supply-Holden road; the road connecting the Supply-Holden road with the Supply-Holden road.

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Dr. D. I. Watson Passes At His Home In Southport

Was One Of Southport's Eldest Citizens And Had Been
Outstanding Man In This Community For
Half-Century

Dr. D. I. Watson died at his home here Sunday morning after being in an invalid condition for the past several months. He was 82-years-of-age.

Dr. Watson moved to Southport from Marion, S. C., in 1887 and for several years practiced medicine here in addition to operating his drug store. A few years later he gave up active practice and began to devote his full time to his drug business. He retired in 1935, but the store he started here still bears his name.

In tracing back over the improvements that have been made in Southport during the past two-score years, Dr. Watson's name will be found in connection with those that were most worthwhile as a contributing sponsor.

He was also active in the fraternal affairs of this community, being the eldest member of Pythagoras Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Ft. Johnson Council J. O. A. M.

His religious interest was centered in the Southport Baptist Church. He was faithful in attending services there as long as his health would permit. The funeral services were conducted from there Sunday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. A. L. Brown, with Rev. E. M. Hall in charge. He was assisted by Rev. E. M. Hall, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

Interment was made in Southport cemetery, with fellow Masons in charge of services at the graveside.

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Plans For Swimming School Here This Season Discussed

Charles A. Mix, Field Representative For First Aid Life Saving Service Of American Red Cross, Was Here Thursday

CONFERRED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

Says That Effort Will Be Made To Hold Life Saving School Here For Both Juniors And Seniors

Charles A. Mix, field representative for the first aid and life saving division of American Red Cross, was in Southport Thursday afternoon to discuss the possibility of holding a swimming school here later in the summer.

After a consultation with J. Berg, chairman of the Brunswick county chapter, American Red Cross, and with Rev. A. L. Brown, membership chairman, it was decided that best results probably will be accomplished by holding a course for the purpose of training junior and senior life savers and through holding a life savers examination at the conclusion of the period.

Plans for the local work are contingent upon an exacting schedule that promises to keep Mr. Mix very busy throughout the summer and upon the date for a school to be held in Wilmington. It was his suggestion that it may be possible to hold a school down here and one in Brunswick county.

This light has been seen at various times for over half a century by the writer and hundreds of other folks during these years. Many people still go to Maco to see the "Light" which can be seen from the Station. It has always appeared when visible, on dark, damp, rainy, or cloudy nights.

The skeptical say now it is a reflection of automobile lights from the Highway which runs parallel with the Rail Road for some distance about a quarter mile below the trestle. Then the Highway turns at the old Wards Crossing, but 50 or more years ago, there were no automobile lights to be seen and no Highway there.

When the writer was a child over 50 years ago, people said in those days there had been a train wreck at the trestle, about the time of the civil war, that a conductor had been killed in this wreck, and the superstitions of those days said the light was his lantern. It resembles very much the light of a lantern, just a pale glow, not brilliant and not very large. In all the years it has been seen, I never heard of one getting very close to it. Many people at Maco years ago would try to follow the light but never get closer, for awhile it would be ahead of them they would miss it and the light would be well behind, would just disappear and when seen again would be a distance away. It has been shot at many times but never apparently hit. To the people who live at Maco now, it is no longer a source of curiosity, years ago very few knew any scientific explanation for the "light" and who ever saw it.

Schedule For County Nurse Is Announced

Mrs. Lou H. Smith Will Begin Her Annual County-Wide Typhoid Clinic On Next Monday; To Visit All Sections

ONLY ONE SHOT IS NECESSARY

For Those Who Have Been Previously Inoculated Only One Inoculation For Typhoid Will Be Given

Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county health nurse, has announced her schedule for the annual typhoid clinic to be held throughout the county during the next few days.

"While in conference with the health authorities in Raleigh last week I was given permission to give one dose of typhoid vaccine to those that have been taking the vaccine before, and three doses to those who have never taken it before," said Mrs. Smith. "I am advising that everyone get as much as one dose now and another next summer."

"Please see that your babies get two doses of diphtheria vaccine, two weeks apart," she warns. "You will have to pay for the diphtheria vaccine as the State does not furnish it. We have to buy it."

The typhoid clinic begins at Shallotte next Tuesday, June 6. Following is a schedule for stops: Shallotte, 8:00 A. M.; Shallotte Village, Methodist Church, 10:00 A. M.; Tripp's Store, 11:00 A. M.; John Todd's home, 12:00 noon; Jennie's Branch Church, 1:00 P. M.; Gause Landing, 2:00 P. M.; Seaside, 3:00 P. M.; Gritsett Town, 4:00 P. M.

Schedule for Wednesday, June 7th: Thomasboro, 9:00 A. M.; Calabash, 10:00 A. M.; Hickman's X Roads, 11:00 A. M.; W. J. McLamb's Store, 12:00 noon; Isaac Hughes' home, 1:30 P. M.; Longwood, 2:30 P. M.; Regan, 3:30 P. M.; J. W. Stanley's home, 4:30 P. M.

Schedule for Thursday, June 8th: Cumber's Store, 9:00 A. M.; Mrs. M. E. Gore's home, 10:00 A. M.; Ash Post Office, 11:00 A. M.; Freeland Post Office, 12:00 noon; Myrtle Head Church, 2:00 P. M.; Ekum, 3:00 P. M.; Mrs. Kate Mintz's home, 4:00 P. M.; Mill Branch, 5:00 P. M.

Pension Changes For Vet Widows

However, No Checks Will Be Missed By Eligible Persons On Account Of New Pension Law

The requirement that widows of Confederate veterans eligible for public assistance payments be transferred from the pension rolls by July 1 will not prevent other pensioners from receiving their payments on that date, C. C. Russ, county welfare superintendent said in answer to queries on the new legislation.

"Beginning July 1 in accordance with chapter 187 of the public laws of 1939, all pensioners remaining on the pension lists will receive their checks from the State Auditor's office each month instead of twice a year," Mr. Russ said.

"The transfer of eligible widows and the change in method of payment of remaining pensioners were two separate acts of the Assembly and no hardship or delay will result when the laws take effect," he announced.

All widows of Confederate soldiers, Mr. Russ said, will be transferred to the public assistance rolls on July 1 if they are eligible for that type of government assistance, while those not eligible will remain on the pension rolls and be paid entirely from state funds.

Checks going to those transferred will be paid jointly by the state and the Federal government resulting in a saving to North Brunswick county.

Senator Council Southport Visitor

Senator K. Clyde Council of Columbus county spent Saturday afternoon here with Mr. and Mrs. Prince O'Brien, Sr.

Returning from a fishing trip to the Quarentine station with Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Senator Council reported that they had caught 14 nice fish.

Catching Alligators



NEW SPORT—Much has been written recently about Churchill Bragaw and the live alligators he has been catching on his alligator hunts at Orton Plantation. A year ago, however, in the lower end of the county G. T. Bullard, Columbus county man captured the above 7-foot reptile alive.

Tells Method To Prevent Knots

County Forest Warden Points Out Practical Way For Producing A Better Grade Of Timber

Nature takes centuries to produce knot-free lumber but man has come to her aid and hurried up the process. Studies at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, according to county forest warden Dawson Jones, of the formation of knots in pine trees have shown that early pruning is one of the best and most practical ways of helping nature produce knot-free wood. Successful pruning of farm woodlands depends, among other things, upon the size of the tree, the size of the branches, and the rate of diameter growth of the trunk. Naturally the fastest healing wounds take place when the pruning scars are small and when the tree is growing rapidly in diameter. Confining the knotty wood to a small core at the center of the tree produces the greater amount of clear lumber from the log.

Attack Is Fatal To S. W. Watts

Former Southport Postmaster And Present Member Of Board Of Aldermen Died Suddenly Sunday Evening

S. W. Watts, 67-year-old Southport citizen, died suddenly Sunday evening as the result of a heart attack.

The deceased was one of Southport's most prominent citizens. For 14 years prior to 1935, he served as postmaster, having filled that position with such efficiency that he was allowed to complete his unexpired term after Roosevelt became president.

At the time of his death he was serving as a member of the Southport board of aldermen. He also was a member of the county election board.

Mr. Watts was a charter member of the Ft. Johnson Council J.O.A.M., and his fellow lodge members were in charge of services at the grave after his funeral rites had been conducted at Trinity Methodist Church by Rev. E. M. Hall.

Surviving is his wife and the

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Receive Bids For Grading Whiteville - Shallotte Road

Bids Opened Tuesday Were For Grading And Structures And Did Not Include Actual Paving Costs

One of the outstanding improvements made in the appearance of things on the Southport waterfront is the painting of the pilot office and tower. The office has been painted white and the tower will be given a coat this week.

Another noticeable improvement has been in the appearance of the cafe building, which also has been painted white.

Since the old canning plant has been torn down, an unobstructed sweep of the waterfront is afforded from that location.

Pilot Tower Is Being Painted

Amounts Of Successful Bids Exceeded Allocation For This Project, According To Highway Official

A low bid of \$74,785.50 was submitted Tuesday by E. W. Grannis of Fayetteville to the State Highway and Public Works Commission for grading on 9.9 miles of roadway on Route 130 from Shallotte in Brunswick County toward Whiteville.

The J. S. Bowers Construction Company of Whiteville submitted a low bid of \$20,321.80 for structures for the project.

This 9.9-mile section of roadway is that which lies between the end of the paving at Shallotte fire tower and the end of the present paving project between Ash postoffice and New Britain Bridge in Brunswick county.

In Whiteville Wednesday A. F. Powell, Jr., state highway commissioner for this district, said that these bids exceeded the funds allotted for this work and that it was likely that the project would be let again. It will be noticed that the bids were for grading and structures and that paving was not included.

However, with machinery def-

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Plans Being Made For 1st Trip Of Year To Gulf Stream

Although barracuda, dolphin, amberjack and other big game fish have been reported to be swarming around Frying Pan light since April 20th, the first real gulf stream fishing expedition will probably not be held until June 16th.

At the same time Doc Summers and others of his crowd from Charlotte and Spartanburg are coming. Also John R. Peacock and other sportsmen from High Point and other points will come in on the 16th. In a letter to W. B. Keziah secretary of the Civic Club, Mr. Peacock, who was here with his family Friday and Saturday for local fishing said, "I have fished all up and down our coast and I am satisfied that the fishing in your section is the best to be had this side of Florida."

In view of the fact that the area around the Frying Pan light will soon be swarming with sport fishing boats, Mr. Keziah yesterday wrote Supt. H. L. Beck of the Charleston Lighthouse District and asked if he could have some member of the officers or crew of the Tender Cypress to take a camera and roll of film when the tender visits the light-ship the later part of this week for the purpose of getting some good pictures of the ship and delivering the film to the Civic Club secretary when the tender comes on here.

These pictures, if good ones are secured, will be used for gulf stream fishing publicity when the sportsmen start things.

Plans Perfected For Federation Of Club Women

Brunswick County Club Women Will Be Hostess To District Gathering At Wrightsville Beach On June 14th

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR MEET

Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, and F. H. Peter, Agricultural Editor, Speakers

Plans are progressing rapidly for District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs meeting that is scheduled to be held at Wrightsville Beach on June 14. Brunswick county clubs will be hostesses at the meeting, which will feature Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, and F. H. Peter, Agricultural Editor of State College, as principal speakers.

The following committees have been appointed from the hostess county to serve at the District Federation meeting, June 14: County report: Mrs. J. A. Purvis, County Federation President, Ash.

Picnic lunch hostesses: Mrs. George H. Cannon, chairman, Bolivia; Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Southport; Mrs. Lindsey Walker, Town Creek; Miss Josie Reid, Winnabow; Mrs. N. J. Hines, Leland; Mrs. Lucy Bennett, Hickman's Cross Roads, and Mrs. Z. G. Ray, Ash.

Stage committee: Mrs. Joe P. Verzaal, Chairman, Phoenix; Mrs. J. E. Dodson, Ekum; Mrs. Henry Zibelin, Town Creek; Mrs. Thomas Butler, Northwest; and Miss Julia Taylor, Winnabow.

Registration: Mrs. W. C. Biggs, Chairman, Home Demonstration Federation; Catherine Willets, Chairman, 4-H Federation.

Nomination: Mrs. Charles Russ, Junior Home Demonstration Federation; Daphne Bennett, 4-H Federation.

Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Carl Ward, Home Demonstration Federation; Delphia Lennon, 4-H Federation.

Resolutions: Mrs. Furman Galloway, Home Demonstration Federation; Olinda Robinson, 4-H Federation.

Cameramen From Washington Here

John M. Slater and Otis Laws of Washington, D. C., spent from Saturday until Monday here, their trip being made for the purpose of securing photographs of Bald Head Island, Southport and Orton plantation. Both are expert cameramen.

Part of Saturday was devoted to Southport scenes, especially trees. Sunday morning, accompanied by W. B. Keziah, they went to Orton. Both of them great lovers of nature, they were much impressed with Brunswick county woods about Orton and with Orton—the show place of Brunswick.

Churchill Bragaw, horticulturist at Orton, Miss Isabelle Whitehurst and Miss Mary Lou Harrelson all combined to make the Orton visit very productive in

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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.

High Tide	Low Tide
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	
6:53 a. m.	0:56 a. m.
7:14 p. m.	1:03 p. m.
FRIDAY, JUNE 2	
7:36 a. m.	1:43 a. m.
7:55 p. m.	1:49 p. m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 3	
8:17 a. m.	2:28 a. m.
8:34 p. m.	2:23 p. m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 4	
8:58 a. m.	3:09 a. m.
9:14 p. m.	3:14 p. m.
MONDAY, JUNE 5	
9:42 a. m.	3:49 a. m.
9:55 p. m.	3:53 p. m.
TUESDAY, JUNE 6	
10:27 a. m.	4:27 a. m.
10:39 p. m.	4:33 p. m.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7	
11:14 a. m.	5:06 a. m.
11:23 p. m.	5:16 p. m.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Lead For U. S.

George and Queen Elizabeth will terminate their Canadian visit in a few days and head for the United States. Both have expressed their appreciation for the courtesy shown them in the Empire's dominion. King George was forced to shake only his thumb for the past few days. His hand has been bandaged to the barrage of warm wishes. Queen Elizabeth was over an international radio trip last week. They expect to only a week or two in this country, returning to England in an absence of little more than a month.

Mysterious Lights Near Maco Offer Variety Of Speculation

In "The State" magazine, published in Raleigh, March 18, there was an article by R. C. Lawrence in the Brown Mountain "Light", which reminded the writer we, too, have had a mysterious light, close to Columbus county at Hoods Creek trestle on the W. C. & A. R. R. about a mile and a half below Maco, Brunswick county.

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