

# THE STATE PORT PILOT

A Good News paper In A Good Community

The Pilot Covers  
Brunswick County

## BODIES OF CREECH BROTHERS ARE FOUND TODAY

Disappeared  
Monday While On  
Hunt Of Nets

For Them That Af-  
fected And All Tuesday  
Failed To Disclose Trace  
Of Bodies; Boat Located

OTHER DROWNED  
THREE YEARS AGO

Guard And Other  
Searchers Were Aided  
Tuesday By Airplane  
In Search For Men

Bodies of James Creech, and Gilbert Creech, 19, were found this morning shortly before noon where they had washed ashore on Bald Head Island. John G. Caison was the first to view the remains before they were removed here for further examination.

The brothers went out from Southport early Monday morning to open dory to tend their nets, and they are believed to have drowned when their boat was tossed in the shoals off Bald Head Island.

These men were the only ones ventured outside Monday, when high winds the day before set the ocean into a roaring storm. When the men failed to return by noon some uneasiness was felt for their safety. As the ashore grew, a call was made to the coast guard station on Bald Head Island and a search was made late in the afternoon.

A sign was found of the men on their boat, but early Tuesday morning the capsized craft floated at the mouth of Creech on Bald Head Island. Captain H. T. Bowmer, the boat was towed ashore and the bodies continued for the men.

Hope was held for their return Tuesday, for it was believed that if they had made their way to land they could have contacted the coast guard either at Bald Head or at Oak Island. The day was spent in a search for their bodies along the coast at Bald Head, and a coast plane dived monotonously the scene of the tragedy of the day watching for the remains of the bodies.

Three years ago to the day Creech, a brother of the two who drowned in the Southport freighter, this was on the day of February 19, 1937.

James Creech is survived by a wife and two small children, Peggy and James Creech, Jr. Their mother, Mrs. J. J. Weeks, one of the Creech family, and the other sisters also survive: John Floyd and Mrs. Glenn, and Miss Sarah Creech, Southport, and Mrs. Angelo Corbridge, R. I.

Greer Takes Pictures  
At Various Points Of Interest In Southport And Vicinity; Will Return Later

## Basketball Tournament Will Begin Next Week

### REA Users Well Pleased With First Month's Bill

Not A Single Kick Registered With Superintendent E. D. Bishop; Some Have Paid Full Year In Advance

The first bills for electric power furnished through the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation were rendered the first of this month, and upon the word of Superintendent E. D. Bishop, members not only came in promptly and paid up, but there were no complaints.

Furthermore, several of the members have come in and paid their minimum charge for a year in advance.

Already there are 285 users being served in Brunswick county, and 75 members in Columbus county have been cut in. Applications have been received from many other citizens who live along the route

### Convention Of Republicans To Meet March 7th

Mass Convention Of Republican Voters To Be Held At Supply On Thursday, March 7th, At 2 O'clock

CHAIRMAN LEWIS CALLS MEETING

Republicans Plan Protest Of Action Extending The Term Of Four Officers; Titled "Unfair Law"

Former Sheriff F. L. Lewis, chairman of the Republican executive committee for Brunswick county, has called a convention of Republican voters at Supply on Thursday, March 7, at 2 o'clock.

In outlining his program for this meeting Chairman Lewis invites all voters to meet with him who favor:

"1. Working for relief against the unfair law, whereby the Recorder and three county commissioners had their terms of office extended two years on the people, without the vote of the people, and over the protest of many Democrats.

"2. Working for relief against the most expensive county administration we have ever had."

Ex-Sheriff Lewis was elected at a meeting several weeks ago to succeed Clarence Jenrette as head of the party organization in Brunswick. At the same meeting W. A. Kopp was named secretary and D. R. Johnson acting secretary.

In the meantime, the Republican Club of Town Creek township will meet on Tuesday, February 27, at 7:30 o'clock at Bolivia. Regular meetings of this group are being held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

### Farmers Must Hurry If They Want 1940 Seed Loan

Field Supervisor Is Accepting Applications At Office Of County Agent J. E. Dodson At Supply

REQUIRES FIRST LIEN ON CROP

These Loans Are Made Annually To Farmers To Whom Other Avenues Of Credit Are Closed

W. F. King, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit administration, announced this week that emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 to farmers in Brunswick county are now available and applications are now being received at the office of County Agent J. E. Dodson, at Supply.

Those expecting to avail themselves of these loans should make their applications at once, he said, so they may be handled without delay. A ten day period is needed to complete all arrangements, he pointed out, and farmers should not wait until the final hour before applying for the money they will need this year.

It has been anticipated, he said, that more loans will be sought this year than in 1939 but to date applications are running between two and three percent under those of last year.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

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### Seek Survey To Locate New Shrimping Grounds

The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, through Congressman J. Bayard Clark, is asking the federal bureau of fisheries for a survey of the ocean off the Brunswick coast for the purpose of locating new shrimp fishing grounds. This action is being taken in accordance with a suggestion made by Mayor John D. Eriksen of Southport.

The Mayor pointed out that three years ago Congress made an appropriation of \$160,000.00 for shrimp fishing extension work on various coast where shrimp were already known to exist. The main point of the work was to send out a big U. S. Fisheries trawler to drag the ocean at points ten to forty miles offshore, the aims being to find bottoms on which the smaller commercial trawlers could operate, and see if there were shrimp at such places.

For the past two years the fisheries boat, Pelican, has been operating off the coast of Louisiana on the above \$160,000.00 appropriation. One result of its work was that suit of its work was that it discovered new fishing grounds were discovered 20 to 40 miles

### Fishing Season Officially Opens

Rumors that freshwater fish are eager and ready for the season to open were confirmed Monday afternoon when a party comprised of County Forester Warden Dawson Jones, Postmaster L. T. Yaskell and Ernest Gilbert caught a string that included 15 big-mouth bass and several goggle-eye perch.

Postmaster Yaskell came by just before dark with about as fine a string of freshwater beauties as one ever sees. He did not start out until after the mail had come, so his fishing had been confined to a very short period. Several of the seven bass on his string ran above the two-pound mark, while some of the goggle-eyes topped the one-pound figure.

### Founders Day P.-T. Program

Impressive Program Is Presented In High School Auditorium By Members Of Association

The Leland P.-T. A. observed Founder's Day at the regular monthly meeting, Monday night, February 19. The business session was very interesting as some splendid transactions were reported. The membership committee put on a special drive and obtained twenty-five new members.

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### Death Claims Winnabow Man

John Comron Died Tuesday Night At Doshier Memorial Hospital Where He Had Been A Patient

John Comron, 52-year-old farmer of Winnabow, died Tuesday night in Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, one sister, Mrs. Mamie Mintz, Ash.

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### STRONG SQUADS AT BOLIVIA



**FAVORITES**—When they enter the Brunswick County Basketball Tournament at Leland next week the Bolivia girls will rule heavy favorites, for they have gone through their pre-tournament campaign without defeat by a county team. The Bolivia boys will be co-favorites with the strong Leland five. Girls, front row, left to right, are Jaunita Cannon, Lucy Hand, Catherine Stone, Bertha Gore, Veona Danford, Jaunita Lewis; Albert Rosser, coach, Retta Lesh, Christiana Williams, Elsie Mercer, Rebecca Tharp, Gladys Lewis, Mabel Lewis, Helen Danford, Mary Burris, and Caroline Milligan. Boys, right to left, Jimmy Johnson, Linwood Danford, Milton Murray, Dalton Sellers, A. P. Henry, Miles Mercer, Ernest Lewis, Rothera Hickman, Roy Rabon, Albert McEachern, Robert Burris and Norman Chadwick, coach.

(Star-News Cut.)

### Bookmobile Will Serve County Reading Public

This Library Project Of Works Progress Administration Will Begin Service The Second Week In March

### LELAND WOMAN IS LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Hope P. Durham Will Serve As Librarian Of Bookmobile And Will Assist In Book Circulation

The Brunswick County Board of Education is sponsoring demonstration library service beginning March 11, and continuing 8 weeks. This demonstration is put on by Work Projects Administration library project, showing how a county may have library extension service. The library truck, or Bookmobile, will follow a schedule of stops, worked out by Mrs. Norma Rowe Sawyer, library supervisor, and Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent. This schedule should make it possible for any citizen to secure a book within a short distance from his home.

A collection of approximately 1750 books will be loaned to schools and citizens, for a period of one week to be renewed or exchanged each week. This service will be given the county for a period of eight weeks, beginning March 11th and running through May 3rd 1940.

Posters will be posted at each stop, giving dates and the hour of arrival of the WPA bookmobile.

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### Seeking Permit To Dredge Slip

James Fraser Applies To Engineers Department For Permit To Dredge Slip Into His Boat House

You are hereby notified that Mr. James Fraser, Southport, N. C., has made application for a permit to construct adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway at Southport, N. C., a marine railway and pier; and to dredge a 24'x90'x6' slip between the Waterway and the railway. Plans showing the proposed work may be seen at this office and at the office of the Postmaster at Southport, N. C.

Please advise me if you have any objections to the work from the standpoint of navigation, or (Continued on page 6)

### Opening Games Of Tournament Thursday Night

All Games Are Scheduled To Be Played At Night With Finals Being Set For Monday; Officials Named

LELAND HOST TO TOURNAMENT

Pairings Find Leland Boys And Bolivia Meeting On Friday Night In Top Game

Brunswick county coaches and principals met Wednesday night at Bolivia and perfected plans for conducting the annual basketball tournament which begins next Thursday night in the Leland high school gymnasium.

All games will be played at night, a double-header being scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday night.

First night pairings find Shalotte girls meeting Southport at 7:30 o'clock. The Shalotte boys meet Waccamaw in the other half of the first night's twin bill. On Friday evening Leland girls play to Waccamaw and the Leland boys clash with Bolivia in what promises to be the highlight of the entire tournament. On Saturday night the Bolivia girls play the winner of the Leland-Waccamaw game and the Southport boys meet the winner of the Leland-Bolivia contest. The finals will be played on Monday night.

Andy Hepburn, coach of Whiteville high school, has been secured to referee all tournament games. Jack Livingston will serve as official scorer for the games and Mr. Bullock of the Shalotte faculty will serve as timer for the tournament.

New trophies will be offered this year for both girls and boys. The winners will have their names engraved upon the cups and will have possession of them for one year. By winning two years in succession a team may gain permanent possession of one of the cups.

### Final Report Is Made On Funds

Local Committee Headed By R. C. St. George Raised Money For Infantile Paralysis Campaign

Final report on the drive conducted here to raise funds for control of infantile paralysis and for the dance sponsored by the American Legion for the purpose of furnishing a room in the annex of the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital has been made by R. C. St. George.

After paying all expenses, \$13.47 was sent to headquarters for the infantile paralysis campaign in New York City and a similar amount was added to the fund being raised to furnish a room at the hospital.

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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

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 21	
3:05 a. m.	9:46 a. m.
3:31 p. m.	9:48 p. m.
Friday, December 22	
1:05 a. m.	10:37 a. m.
1:31 p. m.	10:36 p. m.
Saturday, December 23	
1:59 a. m.	11:27 a. m.
5:25 p. m.	11:25 p. m.
Sunday, December 24	
5:47 a. m.	12:17 p. m.
6:17 p. m.	12:17 p. m.
Monday, December 25	
6:32 a. m.	0:14 a. m.
7:00 p. m.	1:07 p. m.
Tuesday, December 26	
7:16 a. m.	1:04 a. m.
7:46 p. m.	1:55 p. m.
Wednesday, December 27	
8:01 a. m.	1:55 a. m.
8:32 p. m.	2:42 p. m.

### Orton Gardens Recover From Cold, Start Blooming

Orton Plantation will begin shipping daffodils to the northern markets the last of this week and the season will be in full blast by next week. The flowers are blooming somewhat later than usual, still they will be comparatively early as the north is still more or less frozen.

Until they are abundant enough for the pickings to fill car loads, the Orton daffodils are combined with others from New Hanover county and expressed to New York. As they become numerous the growers load their individual cars.

More and more camellias are