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Numerous Cases Of Little Public Interest Have Been Disposed Of Before Judge Walter Bone Here

Of Joe Wescott and Charlie Robbins was in progress today at noon; only murder case disposed of

AND JURY FOR 12 MONTHS NAMED

Of Matters Settled Today And Tuesday Were Up On Appeal And Only One Jury Trial

noon today Judge Walter Bone and a Brunswick county jury was hearing evidence in the growing out of the cross of Joe Wescott and Charlie Robbins, each charging the other with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to

the only murder case heard this week. Andrew McMillan, Jr., was found guilty of manslaughter in the slaying of his father and given from 4 to 6 years on probation. This sentence being made and the defendant placed on probation for 5 years. Johnson was found not guilty of drunk driving. Mrs. Jack was found not guilty of the operation.

Benton was found not guilty of seduction, but was found guilty of failure to support an illegitimate child. He must pay \$250.00 in annual installments of \$50.00 for its support.

McKeithan pleaded guilty to charges of making an assault, with intent to kill and was given months on the roads.

White and Martin Mintz were found not guilty of larceny. White pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk and disruptive. Judgment will be passed at the October term.

Evans pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk in a public place. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and condition defendant remains good behavior for 12 months. (Continued on page 4)

Political Pot-pourri

HARRY L. MINTZ, Jr., also on the troubled political waters with his statement that he is not a candidate for election to the office he now fills by appointment. Impartial opinion is that Harry has done a swell job since he succeeded his brother, Joseph, last summer. In all probability, he could have made good run for the nomination, but he wishes to complete his college work at the University of Carolina.

H. I. MINTZ, Southport attorney, will not be a candidate for representative to the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly. For a time he toyed with the idea, but finally decided to work actively in the interest of the Broughton for governor campaign in this county.

GEORGE R. FOULKE, Jr., pops political cap in today's Open Column with his views on Brunswick county officials. "What Brunswick county needs," he said, "is a two-fisted young man who will run for the nomination of the House of Representatives. Let him go out and speak his convictions, and if there be any who would call him a liar, let him jump down off the stump and break him in the nose."

TOM COOPER took off Monday his sound truck, and soon will be known just how much political power is packed by Wilmington's militant mayor. For a long time there has been a lingering suspicion that Cooper may be the one to upset some of the other candidates' best laid plans. Others are a jump on him; it remains

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FOREST FIRES IN COUNTY



PREVENT THIS—Above is shown a fire as it eats its way through a Brunswick county timbered area. It is with the idea of preventing a repetition of this scene that County Forest Warden Dawson Jones is sponsoring an essay contest on "Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire."

Punished For Being Careless About Fires

Warrants Being Sworn Out For Persons Who Either Wilfully Or Who Through Neglect Set Fires

Until the rain fell Sunday night and Monday, forest fires in Brunswick had County Forest Warden Dawson Jones and his helpers on the run. And the worst feature of the trouble is that many of the fires appeared to be of incendiary origin.

"I'm working on a couple of cases right now", Forest Warden Jones said Tuesday, "while it is wet and I can get off for a few hours from fire-fighting. One man, Horse Taylor, colored, was tried today and was taxed with the costs and required to pay suppression costs on a fire that burned over an area near Southport. Suppression costs amounted to over \$15.00," he added.

Last week two colored residents of the Maeo community flatly refused to assist the forest wardens in suppressing a fire in their section. Warrants were sworn out for their arrest and the fine and cost for each amounted to \$11.90.

The fact that there have been no large fires during the dry, windy days just past reflects great credit upon the work of the district wardens. "If we could just have the whole-hearted cooperation of our citizens for awhile now, both in carefulness and in helpfulness, we have the situation well in hand", Forest Warden Jones said.

Old Document Transfers Slave

The days of slavery are brought to light again among some last century documents in possession of C. Ed Taylor, Southport attorney.

A bill of sale for the right to "a negro slave named Sam" was found to have been made to John B. Staley by M. Schulte, from whom the slave was purchased for the sum of \$800. The deed, written in elaborate 19th century formality, was covered by crudely hand-drawn seals of all parties involved in the transaction. On the paper was the line "Brunswick County, Feby. 8, 1860."

Since this was only one year before the outbreak of the Civil War there is reason to doubt that Buyer Staley ever received his money's worth in service.

County Council P.-T.A. Meeting

Will Be Held Friday At Bolivia High School And Will Climax First Day Of School Exhibit

The Brunswick County Council of Parent-Teacher associations will meet at the Bolivia school on Friday April 12th at 8:00 p. m. Mrs. George Cannon, council president, will preside over a brief business session at which time new officers will be elected. The inter-school declamation and recitation contests will be held at this time. Special music will be rendered by the glee clubs from the various county schools.

Waccamaw P.-T. A. will be hostess for this meeting. (Continued on page 4)

Exploater's Club Of Duke University Is Coming Here

The Explorers Club of Duke University makes an annual pilgrimage to some part of the state sort of in keeping with the name. Last spring 40 or more of the members came to Southport. This year they are planning an unheard of thing—they are coming back to Southport and have already written W. B. Keziah, executive secretary of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, to see if he could make any satisfactory arrangements regarding the weather during their three days stay here.

Keziah has advised Dean Baldwin and Miss Dale Sutton that heretofore his dealings with the weathermen have all been in the half of fishermen. In this case, however, he will do everything possible for a kindly dispensation from the weatherman for

the Explorers' Club while the girls are here.

Last year Churchill Bragaw of hosts and entertainers for the Explorers Club. They took the boys and girls on alligator hunts and for lengthy wanderings about Bald Head Island, not to mention half the rest of the county. For this year Keziah has assured Miss Sutton that he and Bragaw will both be available again as guides.

It will be about a month yet before the visitors arrive, the exact date not yet having been set. The plans are to leave the university on a Friday morning and to leave Southport on the return journey Sunday afternoon. Miss Sutton, who had charge of the party last year, and Dean Alice Baldwin will be head of the pilgrimage.

Change Date Of Flower Show To Friday, May 10

Cold Spells Have Set Back Development Of Flowers This Spring, Necessitating Change In Show Date

EXPECT INTEREST TO BE COUNTY-WIDE

Believed That By May 10th Many Varieties Of Spring Flowers Will Be In Full Bloom

Mrs. Marion Doshier, general chairman for the 1940 Flower Show sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club, announces today that the date of the show has been postponed from April 17 until May 10.

This change has been made necessary by the two cold snaps since the date was first set. Flowers were delayed to such an extent that it is thought that very few will be in bloom by the date originally set for the show.

Plans are progressing to make the flower show an outstanding success. General approval greeted the announcement that there would be a dance the night of the flower show, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend.

Cancer Control Needs Support

Mrs. L. C. Ferguson Of Southport Is In Charge Of Program For Brunswick County

In 46 states, North Carolina among them, the Woman's Field Army for the control of cancer is conducting an active educational program. In Brunswick County Mrs. L. C. Ferguson, is chairman.

The first and most pressing need before this field army is to draw attention to the fact that cancer is among us and is even increasing today.

Not very long ago cancer was a word which was not mentioned. It has been an unwelcome subject and has therefore been pushed aside by most people.

Attention should be drawn now to its danger and its symptoms. Cancer can be cured if it is diagnosed as such in time. For that reason it should be brought before the people. Education along this line is being offered the public now through news articles and through speeches and programs. It is the civic as well as personal duty of every person to acquaint himself with the facts which are being placed before him.

Amendments Get Hearty Approval

Columbus County Had A Good Delegation At Tobacco Meeting In Washington Yesterday

County Farm Agent S. C. Oliver, Bill Hooks, D. H. Jordan, H. E. Soles and I. L. Spivey returned this morning from Washington, D. C. where yesterday they attended a meeting of more than 100 tobacco growers, warehousemen, bankers, business men and members of Congress from flour-cured tobacco areas who gave their wholehearted approval to a program of six AAA tobacco amendments and paved the way for their passage at this session of Congress.

Adoption of at least a three-year control program was urged emphatically as the group enthusiastically endorsed plans to strengthen the tobacco control program.

Provision of additional penalties for warehousemen failing to cooperate in the program was (Continued on page 4)

Sunday Visitors For Southport

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Storm, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gwathmey, Mr. and Mrs. Julian D. Taylor, Mrs. J. K. Wise, Mrs. Graham Kenan and Miss Alice Walker visited Southport, Bald Head, and Ft. Caswell Sunday. They declared they had a most enjoyable day and were much charmed with the courtesies extended them on the island by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthews.

A large number of Southport young people, including most of the teachers in the school, also spent from Saturday until Sunday night on the island and report having a delightful time.

Deadline For Forestry Essay Contest Monday

All Essays Must Be Turned In To School Principals On Or Before That Day And Local Contests Will Be Judged

TO READ PAPERS AT COMMENCEMENT

Winning Paper For Both Grammar Grades And High School Will Be Read During Finals

April 15th is the deadline for entering the \$100 Prize Essay Contest sponsored by the Forestry Department and cooperating landowners and businessmen, and County Forest Warden Dawson Jones is anxious for many entries from each school.

Principals of the individual schools will name judges to select the two best papers for grammar grade students and the two best for high school students during the week of April 15th. First and second place winning papers will be turned over to the judging committee for the county contest not later than Monday, April 22. County winners will be chosen during that week, in order that all papers may be returned in time to be read during the commencement program at each school.

Miss Annie May Woodside told Forest Warden Jones Tuesday that the two winning essays from each school will be read during one of the commencement programs if this plan meets with the approval of the school principals. Since the limit on these papers is from 500 to 1500 words this will not take long and should be of great interest to citizens of the county.

The \$100 prize money was raised from the following contributors: Southern Craft, Hugh McCrae, Geo. L. Buist, E. W. Godwin's Sons, Taylor-Colquitt, Gulf State Cresting Co., West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., Reigle Paper Co., J. L. Sprunt, McNair Investment Co., F. B. Adams.

Southport Lady Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Inga G. Tobiasen Died At Her Home Here Friday Morning Following Sudden Heart Attack

Mrs. Inga Gunderson Tobiasen died Friday morning at her home here following a heart attack. She was 75-years-of-age.

Mrs. Tobiasen was a native of Norway and came to the United States in 1894. She married in October, 1899, to K. Tobiasen of Southport after coming here on a visit with his sister.

She was active in the Kings Daughters, the missionary society and circles of Trinity Methodist church and was a charter member of Live Oak Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Members of that organization participated in Eastern Star burial rites at the funeral Sunday afternoon.

The services were in charge of Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor of St. Pauls Lutheran church, Wilmington. He was assisted by Rev. R. S. Harrison.

Burial was made in Southport cemetery with the following men serving as active pallbearers: John D. Eriksen, Alex. Lind, J. Berg, C. G. Ruark, W. H. Walker and R. C. St. George.

Zone Missionary Meeting Held

Representatives From Several Methodist Churches In Brunswick County Attended

A joint meeting of the New Hanover, Duplin and Union zones of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held at Faison on April 10th.

An interesting program was given on "We Advance", and an "officer training" drill was held. The Faison Auxiliary served a (Continued on page 4)

Secretary Of State Finals Speaker

That Eure, North Carolina Secretary of State, has been secured to deliver the commencement address at Southport, according to announcement made this week by Principal W. R. Lingle.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday, April 28, by Rev. R. S. Harrison. Other churches in town will suspend their morning service on that date.

SHOW PLACE AT ORTON



PEACE—One of the prettiest spots to be found in beautiful Orton Gardens is the chapel that is tucked away amidst the flowers and trees. Inside it the registration book, and each day are entered the names of visitors from many foreign states.—(Star-News Cut.)

School Exhibit Plans Complete For Friday

Public Is Invited To Attend Program Which Will Begin At 4:30 O'clock And Continue Uninterrupted

Plans are being completed for the county-wide school exhibit which will be held Friday and Saturday of this week at Bolivia high school and arrangements are being made to accommodate a large crowd.

Visitors are invited to see the exhibits during the afternoon, and to remain for the picnic supper that will be spread at 5:30 o'clock. Following this, there will be a musical program prior to the County Council of P.-T. A. meeting at 8 o'clock.

Since this is the first year for this event, the exhibits will not be entered in a county-wide contest, but will be displayed solely for the purpose of showing the parents an glimpse of what is being accomplished.

One interesting department will be the flower show for which exhibits from all sections of the county are solicited.

There will be no admission charged for any feature of the program and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Local Citizens Look At Eclipse

This past Sunday afternoon near the hour of 5 o'clock local citizens flocked into the streets armed with bits of smoked-glass, sun glasses and old film negatives to witness one of nature's oddest phenomena, that of the eclipsing of the sun. The sun at no time was in total confluence. This particular occurrence was caused by the moon's journey between the earth and sun, an unusual form of eclipse. The whole process lasted barely half-hour, and in its most acute form the sun was seen as a narrow circle of light. Clouds blotted out the rays for a few of these so rare minutes, but the skies cleared ere long. Scientists state that this kind of eclipse will not occur again before the close of this century.

Rev. J. R. Potts Full Time Here

Rev. J. R. Potts has given up his work at New Hope Presbyterian church and will hold both morning and evening services each Sunday at Southport, except when he is away holding a revival meeting.

Recounts Indian Legend Of Creation Of Waccamaw Lake

By B. L. NESMITH, JR. (In "The Tarheel Banker")

In a large area of Southeastern North Carolina, when the name Waccamaw is mentioned, it usually refers to a financial institution which took that name when it was organized in 1925. The Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company has its home and original office in Whiteville, Columbus County, only a few miles from Lake Waccamaw, one of the largest natural fresh water lakes in the Carolinas. It seems only natural that the bank be given the name of this beautiful resort spot. A name that is rich in legend and dates long before the white man came to America.

Lake Waccamaw, as well as the river that carries its overflow to the Atlantic through Winyah Bay at Georgetown, South Carolina, get their name from the Waccamaw tribe of the Siouan Indians, cousins of the great Sioux and Dakota Indians of the west.

The Waccamaws, unlike most of the North American Indians, were agricultural. The men, as well as their squaws, spent most of their time in raising corn and tobacco. Not depending on hunting and fishing for a livelihood, they were not nomadic but stayed within their own territory, which was the area around the lake and southward into South Carolina. In not trying to poach on the land of their neighbors, probably accounts for their peaceful nature. Mounds which represent their burying ground can still be seen on the shores of the lake. It is thought that the tribe consolidated with the Catawbas about 1755 due to encroachment of the white settlers. No doubt they were encouraged in their agricultural pursuit by the fertility of their soil, a condition that is still noticeable to their pale face successors.

New Registration In Southport Is Found Necessary

Registration Book For This Voting Precinct Causes Election Board To Order New Registration

RE-LISTING GOES ON OTHERWISE

Election Law Made It Mandatory To Hold New Registration If Any Books Missing

There will be a re-registration of voters of Southport precinct by order of the Brunswick county board of elections. This order was passed Saturday when members of that group met here, and decision to re-register the voters of this precinct resulted from the inability to locate one of the poll books.

Registrars and judges of the various precincts also were named by the board, and official notice was given voters of the primary on May 25, 1940.

The registrars are required to attend the polling places with the registration books from 9:00 A. M. until 3:00 P. M., May 18th when and where the books shall be open to the public for inspection for the purpose of challenges.

"Whereas, Chapter 263 of the Public Laws of 1939 provide that prior to the 1940 primary elections there shall be a re-registration in any precinct in which the poll book for 1936 and 1938 is missing; it appears that the poll book for Southport precinct is missing; therefore in compliance with this act a new registration for the Southport precinct is hereby ordered. This registration shall be held during the regular registration period beginning at 9 o'clock A. M. Saturday, April 27th, and closing at sunset on Saturday, May 11th.

"Notice is hereby given that the primary election will be held on Saturday, May 25, 1940, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M. for the purpose of selecting nominees for the various offices in the general election."

The following are designated as the polling places for the township precincts and the persons named were appointed as registrars and judges of elections in said townships and precincts:

Hoods Creek: Mrs. Geo. O. Gaylard, registrar, G. W. Lennon, (D) judge, Roddey Skipper, (R) judge.

Leland: R. C. Holmes, registrar, S. A. Sue, (D) judge, Lonnie Regan, (R) judge.

Town Creek: A. P. Henry, registrar, J. N. Sowell, (D) judge, Herbert Potter, (R) judge.

Bolivia: L. J. McKeithan, registrar, D. L. Mercer, (D) judge, H. L. Willetts, (R) judge.

Southport: John Shannon, registrar, Thomas St. George, (D) judge, Lester Davis, (R) judge.

Mosquito: J. E. Gilbert, registrar, Johnnie Swain, (D) judge, Elwood Clemmons, (R) judge.

Supply: Charlie Caison, registrar, Gilbert Brown, (D) judge, Edgar Holden, (R) judge.

Secession: S. O. Hewett, registrar, M. E. Chadwick, (D) judge, J. B. Sermons, (R) judge.

Shalotte: Elliott Tripp, registrar, H. B. Bennett, (D) judge, D. C. Andrews, (R) judge.

Frying Pan: Mrs. Leslie Chadwick, registrar, Wilbur Register, (D) judge, L. T. Hewett, (R) judge.

Grissett Town: D. B. Frink, registrar, Cecil Hewett, (D)

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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, April 4 | |
| 5:28 a. m. | 11:35 a. m. |
| 5:50 p. m. | |
| FRIDAY, April 5 | |
| 6:10 a. m. | 0:07 a. m. |
| 6:28 p. m. | 12:18 p. m. |
| SATURDAY, April 6 | |
| 6:48 a. m. | 0:51 a. m. |
| 7:03 p. m. | 1:00 p. m. |
| SUNDAY, April 7 | |
| 7:25 a. m. | 1:33 a. m. |
| 7:37 p. m. | 1:38 p. m. |
| MONDAY, April 8 | |
| 8:00 a. m. | 2:12 a. m. |
| 8:10 p. m. | 2:15 p. m. |
| TUESDAY, April 9 | |
| 8:34 a. m. | 2:48 a. m. |
| 8:43 p. m. | 2:48 p. m. |
| WEDNESDAY, April 10 | |
| 9:11 a. m. | 3:23 a. m. |
| 9:17 p. m. | 3:21 p. m. |