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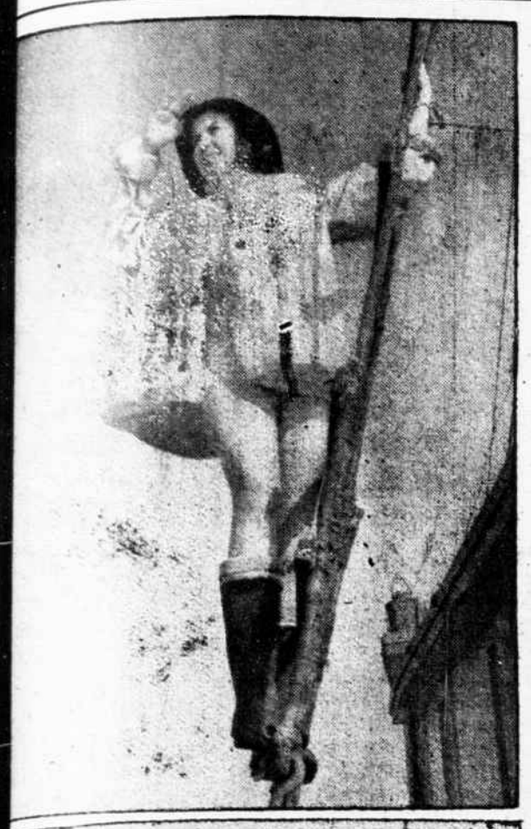
FISHERWOMAN GOES GUNNING FOR SHARKS



FUNNY FISHING—Folks down here didn't know what to think when pretty Winnifred Roberts, of Wrightsville Beach, came down last month to go shark-fishing. They were completely buffaloed when they noticed a powerful rifle in her equipment. But she showed plenty. (Star-News Cut.)

Strange Fishing Fad Is Introduced

(By EDMUND McLAUREN)

One day the past summer, Miss Winnifred Mae Roberts, of Wrightsville Beach, drove into Southport, the tonneau of her car loaded with rods, reels, a rifle, and other sporting paraphernalia, and charted a boat to take her offshore.

Asked as to her plans, Miss Roberts calmly announced that she was "going snark fishing", at the same time ordering several bushels of menhaden to be put on her chartered craft for bait, and paying little, if any, attention to the amused smiles that her remarks brought to the faces of her male listeners.

Once out to sea the fair angler wasted no time in showing companions that she meant business. A size 12-0 hook, swiveled to a six foot wire leader, was baited with whole menhaden; promptly tossed overboard, and trolled about 40 yards behind the slowly moving boat.

Three miles offshore the first strike of a shark was felt through the rod tip. As yards of line peeled from the reel spool into the sea, crew memebrs looked on with unconcealed amusement, momentarily expecting the girl to scream one or more of the many "screams" characteristic of big-game fishing novices, and thereby lose her catch.

However, after some 15 minutes of battle, it became evident to onlookers that the Wrightsville Beach lass knew something about the handling of big fish, for the shark was obviously deeply hooked and being brought to gaff despite savage displays of power and frequent dashes towards various points of the compass. But when Miss Roberts called upon one of the party to take her rod for an additional short period of battle, skepics exchanged "I told you so" glances and conceded that the girl was no match for her hooked quarry. The next few moments, however, were spent over to open-mouthed awe, as Miss Roberts, free of the responsibilities of rod and reel, went into action with her .30 calibre rifle, quickly dispatching the fighting shark which a tight line had brought thrashing to the surface of the sea. After that it was simply a matter of gaffing and boating the prize.

In some instances the sharks fought their way to freedom before being brought within rifle range, and in others several misses were chalked up against the girl's marksmanship, but when the boat docked four sizeable sharks had been boated by the rather unusual methods described.

"Never saw anything like it in my life", the skipper of the chartered craft told the writer. "Why when a sudden, summer squall hit us, and the boat started tossing some, I expected the girl to get seasick and quit, but, no, she donned oilskins and went right ahead with her fun—even climbed up in the riggin'."

Strangely, the sharks took the trolled bait more readily during the brief, rough spell encountered than during the earlier hours of the five hour trip, when the sea was calm and its surface unbroken by white-caps.

The unusual experience came about as a result of a report from W. B. Keziah, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, that several big sharks had been sighted off Southport recently.

Officials Will Attend Meeting

Members Of Brunswick County Welfare Board Plan To Attend State Meeting In Raleigh

Governor Clyde R. Hoey and Democratic gubernatorial nominee, J. Melville Broughton, will headline the one-day joint conference of county welfare board members, county superintendents of public welfare, and members of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, when officials from all North Carolina counties are expected to be in Raleigh during the Fair Week meeting, October 9. The governor and the prospective governor will speak at the luncheon meeting to be held at the Carolina Hotel.

C. C. Russ, Brunswick county welfare superintendent, said this week he expected the full delegation from this county to consist of H. M. Shannon, Southport, and Preston Henry, Winnabow.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, State welfare commissioner, will welcome the

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Will Rush Plans For Completion Of Basin

City Fathers Have Been Assured That Work of Construction Of Bulkheads And Other Improvements Will Begin

CAN PROVIDE SAFE ANCHORAGE ALREADY

However, It Is Hoped That Many Of The Permanent Improvements Can Be Completed

The city officials and Chamber of Commerce have been assured that contracts will be let in a few days for bulkheads and dock for the yacht basin, and that the contractor who gets the job will be expected to rush the work with all possible speed. It is hoped that all of the facilities may be completed before the yachts composing the Southward-Ho cruise from Larchmont to Miami reach here on October 31. Failing this, it is said that there will be a great deal of docking facilities ready and no trouble will be encountered caring for the 50 or more boats comprising the cruising fleet.

There is scarcely any tide in the basin. In the event insufficient docking space is completed by the time the boats arrive here, the absence of tides will permit good anchorages or, in

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Change Affects Two Local Boys

A. T. McKeithan Gets Civil Service Job At Ft. Bragg And Neils Jorgensen Goes Into Postoffice

Changes affecting two of Southport's most popular young men occurred this week when A. T. McKeithan, clerk at the local post office, accepted a civil service job in the quartermastr corps at Ft. Bragg and Neils Jorgenson, formerly of Watson's Pharmacy, was named by Postmaster L. T. Yaskell to replace him.

Young McKeithan has been employed at the local office for several years and has won a reputation for service and efficiency. Friends here predict a successful future for him.

News of the appointment of Jorgensen to replace him is sure to meet with popular approval.

Seems There's Something Due

Writing W. B. Keziah with reference to the Comstock getting back to work as soon as she comes out of the dry dock at Savannah, Congressman J. Bayard Clark says he understands that Norfolk, Jacksonville and Savannah are all interested in employing members of the crew until the Comstock begins digging again.

The congressman also mentioned having in mind something that was going to require a great deal of work for the dredge and other agencies in this part of the state. Circumstances are such that nothing can be said about this work at the moment. Other government sources have also recently mentioned something big here.

School Kids To Get Free Tickets

Miss Annie May Woodside Received Large Order Of Admission Tickets For State Fair In Raleigh

Superintendent, Miss Annie May Woodside, of Brunswick county schools said today that free passes to the Great State Fair at Raleigh, October 8-12, have been received for all of the 4665 school children of this county.

All of the State's 900,000 school children will be guests of the 1940 exposition on Friday, October 11, which has been designated as "Young North Carolinas' Day."

Miss Woodside joined Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Sperintendent of Public Instruction, in urging students to attend the fair.

"I am sure that any child attending the State Fair will go away with a finer spirit of State patriotism and with a better appreciation of the magnificent resources and possibilities of North Carolina," Dr. Erwin said, terming the Fair "an outstanding educational institution."

Governor Hoey added his praise for the State Fair, declaring it "has become an agency of education and progress."

In addition to 92,000 square

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Pot-O'-Gold Is Found In Tennis Court Metre

They fixed the lights on the outside tennis court Monday, and after getting everything set to turn them on Harry Aldridge had to borrow a quarter from Ed Weeks to trip the pay-meter. "But I want it back", cautioned Ed.

The lights came on—all except one— and Harry looked at the coin box with an idea of getting back the coin. The lock was rusty, and defid all efforts to pry it open. "We'll have to get it out", said Ed. "That box won't feel right with money in it. They played all summer one year and when we opened the box we had 75-cents."

Finally the box came open, and Harry had hit the jack-pot. Out flooded the quarters—28 in all—and the city officials rubbed their eyes in disbelief that $7.00 had been permitted to remain in the meter for three years.

Nothing is definite about a tournament for this week. The weather last week cooled off those plans. However, there is still some talk that a men's double tourney may be reeled off before Jack Frost takes over for the season.

Writers Accept Invitation To Hold Meet Here

State News Bureau Will Co-operate Whole-Heartedly With Chamber Of Commerce In Entertainment Of Guests

DISTINGUISHED MEN WILL BE VISITORS

Writers Will Be Here About Time Of Opening And Dedication Of Southport Basin

Beginning on October 31 and running through November 4th, Brunswick county will have the most notable assemblage of outdoor and sports writers that have ever gathered in North Carolina. Intrigued by interesting news stories of this part of North Carolina, the officers and directors of the Outdoor Writers of America Association have set the above dates and Southport for their fall meeting.

Some 15 men will compose the gathering, which includes publicity men from the Department of Conservation and Development from Alabama, Missouri, Texas and Ohio. Sharing in the entertainment of the guests will be Bob Thompson, State News Bureau manager, and other officials of the North Carolina department.

Among the outdoor writers will be Dave Roberts of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Enquirer, president of the association; vice-presidents J. Hammond Brown of the Baltimore News-Post and Ray Osborn of Texas; Jimmie Stuber of Ohio and John Mock of the Pittsburgh, Pa., Press; Jack Van Coevering of the Detroit, Mich., Free-Press; W. H. Teague of the Hartford, Conn., Courant; Harold Devine of the Toledo, Ohio, Times; Bob Edge of C. B. S. in New York and Mike Bates of the Canadian Sportsman.

In addition to the above there will be some five committeemen representing some of the leading publications in the United States.

Learning that the association desired to hold a meeting here, H. H. Thomas of the Carolina Caswell Corporation offered the facilities of Fort Caswell to the guests. The business meetings will probably all be held at Fort Caswell and the nights will be spent there. However, it is tentatively planned to entertain the guests on Bald Head island one day and possibly a night. They will also devote some time to Orton and Southport. Not the least of the plans is to hope that they can be taken down the waterway to Howell's Point, Holden's Beach, Shallotte Village, Gause Landing, Brooks Beach and Calabash, and to arrange for a fish fry or

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oyster roast at one of these points.

Writing W. B. Keziah of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce this week, president Dave Roberts said he had been hearing so much about the interesting country down here he was sure the boys would all have a great time.

New Books For Local Library

Librarian Announces The Arrival Of Seven New Volumes To Local Shelves

Miss Susie Sellers, librarian, announces the addition of seven new books to the rental shelf of the Southport Public Library.

Titles and authors are: "On Borrowed Time", Leonard E. Watling; "Chiffon Scarf", Mignon Eberhart; "Christ In Concrete", Peitro di Donato; "Clue Of The Artificial Eye", J. W. Fletcher; "Ladies Go Masked", Margaret Widdemer; "Hotel Hostess", Faith Baldwin; "The Rains Came", Louis Bromfield.

P.-T. A. Council Meets Tuesday

First General Meeting Of Year Will Be Held At Bolivia School On Tuesday Evening

The Brunswick County Council of Parent-Teacher Association will meet at Bolivia school on Oct. 10, at 8 p. m.

All local presidents, their chairmen and school principals are expected to attend, and everyone is invited. Mrs. Alderman, district director, will be with us.

State Rests In The Trial Of Four Southport Men For Death Of Officer

Dr. L. C. Fergus, Chief Of Police Mel Lewis And Joe Suggs, The Latter An Eye-Witness, Testify

JUDGE REFUSES TO DISMISS CHARGES

Other Cases Disposed Of Here In Court This Week Before Judge J. J. Burney

Today at 1 o'clock the state rested in its case against Nelson Hankins, James Green, Snook Clemmons and Cocky Bowen, charged with murder in connection with the death of Southport Policeman Chas. W. Easley.

The men face charges of second degree murder, manslaughter and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Conviction upon one of the major counts will eliminate further consideration of subordinated chargs.

Work of selecting a jury began yesterday afternoon, and the trial got underway this morning. The State placed Dr. L. C. Fergus, Chief of Police Melvin Lewis and Joe Suggs on the stand.

After submitting their evidence, attorneys for the defense made motions to have charges against their clients dismissed, but these were refused by Judge John J. Burney, who is presiding over this term of court.

Damaging testimony came from Suggs, who for the first time made public his eye-witness account of what took place on the night that Officer Easley and Chief Lewis were attacked while attempting to place Nelson Hankins under arrest. Suggs said that Clemmons was one of the instigators when he said "Look here fellows are we going to let them take Nelson that way". Later he said that Cocky Bowen rode home with him and told him about his part in the fight.

As court convened this afternoon following the noon recess the case was resumed.

Johnie Stocks, George Gen, Glenn Walker and William Guthrie were charged with breaking, entering and larceny and pleaded guilty. They were four of the six men wanted for a series of robberies in several southeastern North Carolina counties and Judge Burney withheld judgment in their case until later in the week.

A case against Charlie Robbins for possession of intoxicating liquor for sale was nol prossed with leave.

Daniel Kern Reaves pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined $10 and taxed with costs and was given until October 15th to pay.

Judge Burney directed a verdict of not guilty on the case charging Ernest Ballard with possession for sale.

L. C. Edens was found guilty of drunk driving, but sentence was not passed.

Charlie Trott was found not guilty of aiding and abetting in operation of a motor vehicle without license.

William Clemmons pleaded guilty on a similar count and was taxed with costs.

The case against B. B. Cliff for disposing of mortgaged property was nol prossed.

Judge Burney directed a verdict of not guilty in the case

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Robber Get Nothing For Trouble Except Experience

Highwayman Pulled Gun On Hobson Kirby Saturday Night And Demanded Pocketbook And Valuables

Hobson Kirby, popular Shallotte merchant, received the scare of his life Saturday night when a robber waylaid him as he returned home from his store, but all the highwayman got for his trouble was experience.

Having closed up about 9:30 o'clock, Mr. Kirby had reached his home and had driven his automobile into the garage when a man approached from the shadows of the building and flashed a light in his face. But let Mr. Kirby tell the story.

"I thought it was Jim Hawes or some other of the neighbors when I first saw the light," he said. "I made some funny remark that didn't sound so funny as soon as I looked up and saw a shotgun barrel sticking out from behind the light.

"'Drop that stuff.' the man said, refering to some packages that I was bringing home. I dropped them. 'Now take out your pocket book and throw it here', he said. 'Throw it here, throw it here, throw it here'. He kept saying that over and over, and it sounded like he was changing his voice.

"Well, I took out my pocketbook and threw it over toward him— he was standing about fifteen or twenty feet away—and he said 'Empty your pockets, turn them wrong side out. Empty your pockets', over and over again just like that. Well, I did. 'Now back away, back away, back away.' I backed. 'Hold it. Not so fast. Now, back away.' As I moved off he came forward to where the things in my pockets had dropped. When he stooped to pick them up, I dodged behind the smokehouse and ran. I think he ran just as fast the other way."

Mr. Kirby notified officers, who secured bloodhounds from Burgaw and came to his home for a search. The dogs apparently were baffled by too many tracks, and the hunt was fruitless.

Mr. Kirby said that he didn't believe the robber got one cent.

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First Payment On REA Loan Already Been Made

Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. Makes Its First Payment On Loan To Rural Electric Adm.

MORE PAYMENTS TO FOLLOW SOON

First Payment On Loan Was Not Due Until December, 1941; Last Part Of Line Energized In April

The first payment of the loan to the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. was made Tuesday announced Dr. E. D. Bishop, superintendent, today. The sum of $6,000 was paid the Rural Electrification Adm. and the first payment was not due until December, 1941, said Dr. Bishop. The last section of the line was not energized until April of this year.

Dr. Bishop says it is the plan of the Cooperation to make payments on the loan as large and as rapidly as possible and that subsequent payments will be made all along.

Marsh Hen Hunt Proves Success

Marsh hen huntrs, at least those who arose early enough, found fine conditions for the sport yesterday morning. An unusually high tide was running, due to the strong north east winds. This tide was at its best shortly after 6 o'clock and very few hunters managed to get up at that hour.

Among those making reports of their success were Gus McNeil and Captain H. T. Bowmer. They brought in 16 fine birds. Incidently, this week's predated issue of the Washington Herald-Times has a large four-column cut showing marsh hen hunting at Southport.

Columnist Praises Local Fishing

Winston Montague who conducts the "Let's Go Fishing" columns on the Richmond, Va., Daily News Leader is evidently sold on Southport. One day last week he devoted his entire double column to Southport and its fishing. We are borrowing the final two paragraphs of his article:

"I've never been to Southport, but I understand that there is some very fine salt water fishing there. Throughout the summer I received reports from the North Carolina publicity bureau about the salt water fishing in North Carolina and almost invariably the town of Southport led all the rest in the good catches reported."

"Down at Southport, you know, the Gulf Stream is not so far off-shore, and consequently they enjoy better fishing than is found at some ports further North. Dolphin, amberjack and barracuda, all fish found in Florida during the winter, are caught regularly off Southport during the summer. The place has a very fine reputation as a fishing port, and if you want to try some new territory some day you might take a try at Southport, North Carolina."

Drive Slow And Help Workers

Repair Work Now In Progress On Highways Make It Hazardous To Drive Too Rapidly

With several thousand men at work on North Carolina highways this fall, the Highway Safety Division this week called the attention of all Tar Heel motorists to some of the dangers incident to highway construction and maintenance jobs.

The repairing of highway damaged by the recent floods, together with the normal construction and maintenance activity, will result in an unusual volume of work on State highways this fall, Hocutt said, and this will mean that motorists will need to be more alert than usual.

In the first place, all this high-

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Skeet Shooting Is Center Of Interest For Sportsmen

If you want to see some skeet shot, go out the beach road one afternoon this week while the local skeet club is in action and you'll have a ringside seat for a session of Southport's latest sports craze.

Now skeet is not a member of the family of our feathered friends, but is a little black disc commonly known as a clay pigeon. These are sprung from automatic traps and sail away in much the same manner as the wraith of a frightened bob white.

At the club's first shoot Bill Styron was high man with 20 out of 25 hits. Hulan Watts was next with 19 out of 25. Other members of the club are Ed Weeks, W. E. Bell, Gus McNeill, Robert Thompson, Captain Bonner Bussells, John Eriksen, Dr. L. C. Fergus, M. R. Sanders, J. E. Carr.

The men plan to shoot twice each week, definite days to be decided upon later. Spectators are welcomed and there are still vacancies for new members.

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, October 3	
8:42 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
9:04 p. m.	3:08 p. m.
Friday, October 4	
9:32 a. m.	3:25 a. m.
9:54 p. m.	3:58 p. m.
Saturday, October 5	
10:25 a. m.	4:13 a. m.
10:50 p. m.	4:49 p. m.
Sunday, October 6	
11:22 a. m.	5:03 a. m.
11:48 p. m.	5:44 p. m.
Monday, October 7	
.....	6:00 a. m.
12:20 p. m.	6:46 p. m.
Tuesday, October 8	
0:47 a. m.	7:07 a. m.
1:18 p. m.	7:52 p. m.
Wednesday, October 9	
1:48 a. m.	8:16 a. m.
2:18 p. m.	8:53 p. m.