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## Criminal Docket For Court To Be Completed Today; Civil Actions To Follow

Southport Lawyers Divide Duties Of Prosecuting Attorney In Absence Of David Sinclair

WYNTZ, PREVATTE, FRANK SHARE WORK

Expect To Wind Up Work On Docket Of Unimportant Criminal Cases Today And Begin Civil Actions

In the absence this week of David Sinclair, three prominent attorneys have taken over the prosecution of the criminal docket in Brunswick Superior court.

John J. Burney of Wilmington is presiding, and it will be completed tonight that criminal cases would be completed to trial of civil cases.

Robert Simmons, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving. Given 4 months on the bench judgment was suspended on payment of a fine of \$50.00.

Henry Deits pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. Judgment was continued for 1 year upon condition that the defendant pay the sum of \$100.00 to the clerk of court.

George Jones was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. Judgment was given 12 months upon good behavior. Costs were taxed against the defendant.

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JUDGE BURNEY

## Judge Burney Talks Straight To Grand Jury

In his charge Monday morning to members of the Brunswick county grand jury, which will serve for the next 12 months, Judge John J. Burney contrasted the cost of education in the United States with the cost of crime.

Members of the grand jury are: S. T. Russ, foreman, J. Berg, J. E. Piner, A. M. Woodard, J. W. Lancaster, J. J. Henry, B. R. Page, D. S. Russ, G. S. Hollis, J. G. Hickman, W. C. Gore, D. L. Mercer, G. H. Caison, T. H. Wolfe, W. F. Millien, H. C. Brady, J. H. Milliken and S. R. Phelps.

"We hear a lot about the high cost of our educational program," said Judge Burney, "and we do spend a tremendous sum on our boys and girls, around three billion."

## Citizens Meeting Held To Talk About Defense

Citizens Discuss Plans For Meeting Any Emergency Which Might Arise From Location Of Defense Program Nearby

COMMITTEE IS NAMED BY MAYOR

Arrangements Made To List Facilities With Rooms Or Houses For Rent

As a result of a citizens' mass meeting held in the Brunswick county courthouse Thursday night a committee has been appointed to make plans for meeting any emergency that may arise in Southport through the location of one of the national defense projects in this area.

One of the first duties of this group will be to maintain a register of rooms and houses for rent in town, and this service will begin immediately. Persons who desire to have their facilities listed for the information of visitors in the community may do so by phoning the city hall and leaving a description of their room, rooms, apartment or house.

Among those who participated in the discussion Thursday night was R. I. Mintz, chairman of the Brunswick defense council, and he was very frank to state that there is no definite assurance of any government project. He stated, however, that there was very good reason to hope that some phase of the expanding defense program would be located here or nearby, and he thought the meeting of Thursday night was practical in that it might save the citizens the embarrassment of being caught completely unawares.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor John D. Erikson, and others who spoke briefly were J. Berg, Price Furples, H. H. Thomas and C. Ed. Taylor.

The following men were named on a committee to work out plans for meeting contingencies which may develop from some development here: Price Furples, (Continued on page 4)

## Solemnity Of Court Oath Impressed By The Judge

The late session of the North Carolina General Assembly abolished the custom of having court witnesses kiss the Bible when being sworn in, but removal of this ritual has done nothing to decrease the solemnity of this ceremony, as those who heard Judge John J. Burney charge the grand jury Monday morning can well testify.

## Cripple Seal Sales Begin

Mrs. S. B. Frink has been named county chairman of the Easter Seals sales committee and plans to make a drive for funds for crippled children during this week end.

## Funeral Held For Mr. Ruark

Wade Ruark, Aged Southport Resident, Died Sunday Evening At Home Following Illness

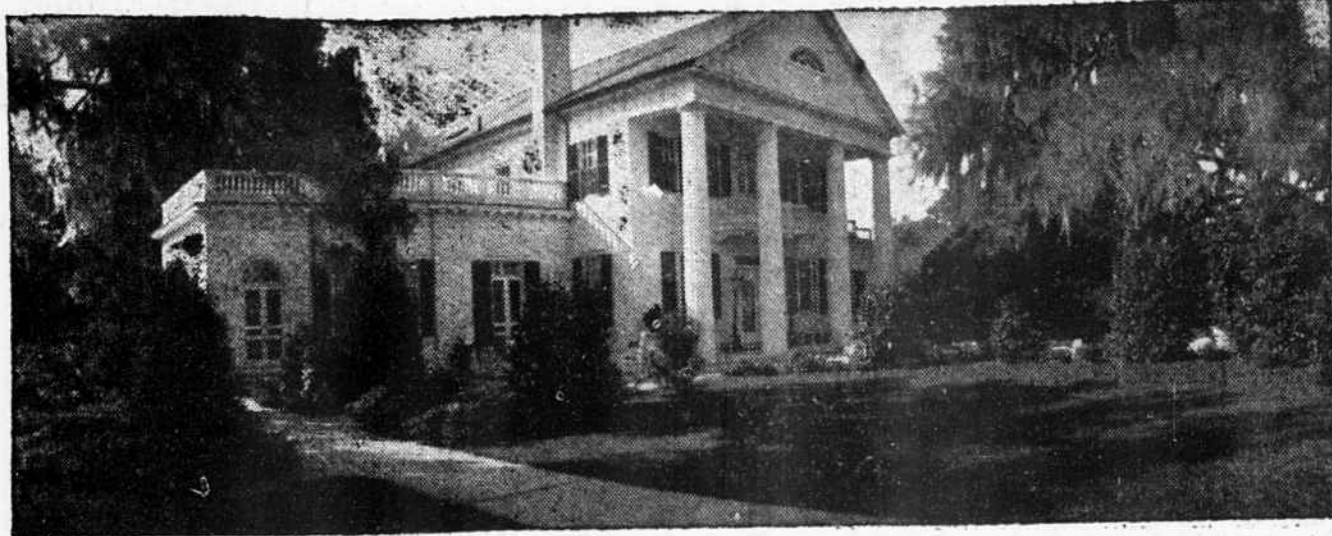
Wade Ruark, 87-year-old resident of Southport, died at his home here Sunday evening following a lengthy illness.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Ruark, and by four sons, E. C. Ruark, Edison D. Ruark, A. D. Ruark and F. W. Ruark, all of Wilmington; and two daughters, Mrs. A. J. Mills of Leland and Mrs. William Gay of Southport.

## Boxing Bouts Friday Night

High School Lads To Be Matched In Series Of Bouts In Interesting Boxing Program

## ORTON ATTRACTS EASTER VISITORS



MANSION—Gentle rains and warm weather during the past few days have conspired to bring the famous Orton Gardens to the height of their beauty for Easter. Thousands of visitors are expected to visit these historic grounds during the next 10 days.

## Records Show Drunk Driving Is On Increase

However, Only Five Revocations Resulted From This Trouble In Brunswick During First Three Months

SERIOUS FACTOR IN ACCIDENT TOLL

State Authorities Anxious To Do All In Their Power To Curtail Tendency In Drivers

Drunken drivers are on the rampage in North Carolina and constitute one of the factors contributing to the current serious increase in traffic deaths on the streets and highways of this state, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Basis for this report was a record number of revocations for drunken driving and a considerable increase in traffic deaths caused by drunken drivers.

There were 5 revocations for Brunswick county during the first three months. Revocations for the state during January, February and March totaled 1,809, the highest three-month total on record. Since enforcement of the law relating to drunken driving is more or less constant, an increase in revocations points to an increase in the prevalence of drunken driving, officials said.

Drunken drivers killed 120 persons in North Carolina last year, this being 12 per cent of the total of 990 traffic fatalities. Seventeen of the 87 traffic deaths in the State in February of this year and 10 of the 70 verified March fatalities to date were caused by drinking drivers, according to records of the safety division. Thus, 27 out of the 157 fatalities for the two-month period, or 17 per cent of the total, resulted from drinking and driving. This was five per cent above the 1940 average.

"Twenty-seven people were killed in this state in February and March by drivers who were foolish enough to think that they could drive safely after taking a few drinks," declared Ronald Hucutt, director of the Highway Safety Division. "Of all types of traffic accidents, I know of none for which there is as little justification or excuse as those involving drinking drivers."

"To the end that accidents of this type may be eliminated as a factor in our accident problem, I appeal to all North Carolina drivers to refrain from mixing their drinking and driving, and I urge all enforcement officers in the state to be unrelenting and extremely vigilant in apprehending and bringing to justice this ruthless killer—the drunken driver."

## Local Committeemen Name At Education Board Meeting

Two-Day Respite For Fishermen

Inland waters will be open for fishermen on Easter Sunday and Monday, according to a ruling of the state board of conservation and development designed to give anglers an opportunity to engage in their favorite sport over the holiday week-end.

## Attend District Society Meeting

Woman's Society Of Christian Service Of North Carolina Conference Attended By Brunswick Ladies

The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference met in Rocky Mount March 25-27.

The N. C. Conference comprises 464 societies with a membership of 17,000. There were 313 members registered at the conference in addition to several hundred visitors.

The national organization is the largest group of organized womanhood in the history of protestantism and has 1,500,000 members. They support 700 missionaries on twenty-one mission fields.

Mrs. F. V. DeViny, sec. organization and promotion, Woman's Division, from New York made two inspiring addresses to the conference.

Miss Lorena Kelly, of Mooresville, Missionary to Africa; Miss Euline Smith of Hamlet, and Miss Ida Hankins, of Wilmington, Missionaries to Korea; and Rev. Charles Clay, Missionary to Brazil, were guests of the conference and brought wonderful messages from the foreign fields.

The Home Field was represented by Miss Priscilla Stegar, in (Continued on page 4)

## Owner Of Caswell Fatally Injured

S. O. Chase, Head Of Chase Investment Co., Died Last Week In Florida Following Auto Accident

Friends in Southport were shocked last week to learn of the death of S. O. Chase, owner of Fort Caswell, at his home in Sanford, Fla. Mr. Chase was 80 years of age and his death resulted from injuries received in an automobile accident on March 22nd.

Despite his advanced years, Mr. Chase was very active and usually drove his own car. At the time of the accident he was driving with his daughter-in-law, returning from one of the numerous orange groves which Mr. Chase owned. A car on the highway stopped suddenly in front of the Chase machine and Mr. Chase was forced to apply the brakes and swerve his car in an effort to avoid striking the one in front.

His automobile skidded and overturned. He sustained what was at first thought to be slight injuries, but within a few days he became seriously ill.

Mr. Chase was reputed the largest grower and shipper of citrus fruits in the world. In addition to his citrus industries he was also connected with scores of other industries. He spent much time at Asheville in this state and often visited his Fort Caswell property here. During his visits here he met many local people and acquired many warm personal friends.

Unless the government takes over Fort Caswell, it is assumed that his estate will continue the operation of Fort Caswell, as it has been operated the past few years. This week, W. B. Keziah had a letter from Randall Chase III, giving details of his father's accident and death. No mention was made of Fort Caswell.

Survivors include two brothers, Charles F. Chase, of Jackson Heights, N. Y., and Joshua C. Chase of Winter Park; a sister, Mrs. C. B. Adamson of Philadelphia, Pa., three sons, Randall Chase, Frank W. Chase, and S. O. Chase, Jr.; and three grand children, Sydney O. Chase, III, of Sanford, Franklin Whitner Chase, Jr., of Windemere, and Lucia Duval Chase of Windemere.

## Miss Annie May Woodside Is Re-Elected County Superintendent Of Schools At Monday Night Meeting

SOME CHANGES IN LOCAL COMMITTEES

No Change Occurs In Local School Board; Complete Change Made In Board For Leland; Changes For Waccamaw

At a meeting of the Brunswick county board of education held here Monday night, Miss Annie May Woodside was reelected county superintendent. She is now beginning her seventh year as head of the Brunswick school system. Her new appointment is for two years.

At the same time members of local school boards for the consolidated schools of the county were named.

At Southport the old board was reelected. The members are: Mrs. E. H. Cramer, Capt. I. B. Bussels, and Dr. R. C. Daniel.

No changes were made in the Shallotte committee, the board retaining the following personnel: W. H. Varnum, Floyd Kirby, Peter Todd, Roland Mintz, and O. P. Bellamy.

Two changes were made at Waccamaw. Dave Bennett and Burris Russ were reappointed. New members are: Geo. Ward, L. C. Brown and Jesse Purvis.

At Bolivia no changes were made, the board being as follows: Ernest Gilbert, E. M. Danford, and A. P. Henry, Sr.

There was a complete board change at Leland. The school committee now includes the following men: Willie Lennon, Bruce Williams and M. Eugene Bullard.

## Takes Part In College Plays

Miss Annie Lide Gilbert returned to Meredith College, Raleigh, Sunday p. m. after spending the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earnest Gilbert of route 1, Bolivia.

She has been appointed to help on the staging committee of the spring production of the little theatre, the play to be given being, "Pride and Prejudice".

On March 21st she went to Dunn and helped present a B. T. U. play given by the Meredith girls and some boys from State College.

## Bible Students Come To County

Team Of Young People From Columbia Bible College Will Be At Calabash April 18-21

St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Calabash is to have the privilege of having a team of young people from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., for the week end of April 18-21. The group from the Bible College will conduct a conference specifically for young people of junior, intermediate and senior age. The programs which will be led by young people, and conducted for young people, will be vital and challenging, dealing with the everyday problems confronting modern youth.

The Young Peoples' Service League of Calabash is sponsoring this conference and the league extends a hearty welcome to all groups of young people throughout the county to attend the meeting. The conference will begin Friday night, April 18, at 7:30 o'clock in the church at Calabash. Saturday the first meeting will (continued on page four)

## None Of Deadly Pills In Brunswick Check Reveals

Checkup Reveals That There Are None Of Deadly Pills In Local Drug Stores

There are not now, nor have there been, any of the sulfathiazole tablets which had been contaminated with phenobarbital in Brunswick drug stores, a check of the county's pharmaceutical establishments during the week end revealed.

Druggists of the three stores in the county themselves hastened to check up on their stocks to make sure that there were none of the contaminated pills in this area. Recent Associated Press Dispatches from Washington have referred to 410,000 tablets of the type indicated—contaminated—as having been distributed by Winthrop Chemical Co. of New York. Subsequently five deaths and a number of cases of injuries were reported. Since that time, the company has recalled as many of the

shipment as possible, but many of them appear to have been beyond recall, and inspectors of the Federal Food and Drug administration have been busy engaged in efforts to check and remove from the channels of trade any such tablets.

Sulfathiazole, a new drug, is used in the treatment of pneumonia and certain infections. Ailments for which it is prescribed include venereal diseases infections. Although the contamination of the tablets mentioned was regarded as caused through an error of some kind, detailed information as to how that serious complication developed has not been learned.

Lot numbers of the drug for which Federal Inspectors are looking are MP029, MP118, and MP169.

## Orton Gardens Are Ready For Easter Visitors

Famous Brunswick County Beauty-Spot Should Be More Lovely Than Ever Before During Month Of April

AZALEAS ARE NOW IN FULL BLOOM

Gardens Are Added To And Improved Each Year With Plants From Nursery On Place

BY W. B. KEZIAH

Nature has come stepping up during the past few days. Under the impulse generated by warm rains and warm winds from the south, pear, plum and cherry trees have burst into full bloom and many trees are already well bedecked in new leaves. Grass, farm and garden crops have taken on a vigorous healthy growth.

Out at Orton Plantation where operated with energetic and capable management for the past three years, nature and the ingenuity of man have combined to produce what is now the loveliest spot in all North Carolina. The far-famed Orton camellias are fading now, but to supplant them thousands and thousands of the beautiful azaleas have burst into full bloom. The azaleas are closely flanked by a bewildering assortment of other beautiful blooming flowers and plants.

"The azaleas will be at their peak about the last of next week; meanwhile we will have an abundance of beautiful Easter flower finery," said Churchill Bragaw, the Orton horticulturist and manager, Monday. "In fact," he continued, "the whole of the month of April will see a world of beautiful blooming flowers at Orton. I am tickled to death at the flowering prospects for this month."

It is not hard to believe that April will give flower lovers the opportunity to see the greatest wealth of bloom that has ever graced itself at the famed Orton plantation. This past year and for the past several years countless thousands of new plants of all sorts have been set out and old beds have been improved. Regardless of how good things have been, there has been a constant effort for improvement of the Orton flowers.

The Orton Gardens for the past two or three years at least, have been a nation-wide subject for writers of the outdoors, especially of flowers. Newspapers from Maine to California have carried wonderful stories of the famed Brunswick county plantation and its wonderful gardens. Stories in books and periodicals have also been glowing. The fame of the Orton Gardens has spread from coast to coast.

And, while various sources have been singing the praise of the gardens very few people have known the source of the wealth of loveliness. Most of the plant replacements and most of the new beds of flowers have been grown right there in Orton's own nursery, a nursery that is just as lovely as the garden which it supplies with new beauty. Not only does the Orton nursery regenerate the whole garden; it grows plants and ships them to other gardens in practically every state in the Union, and often to foreign countries.

Monday morning while we were (Continued on page 4)

## 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, April 10	
6:15 a. m.	0:09 a. m.
6:44 p. m.	12:33 p. m.
Friday, April 11	
7:03 a. m.	1:02 a. m.
7:29 p. m.	1:23 p. m.
Saturday, April 12	
7:50 a. m.	1:54 a. m.
8:16 p. m.	2:12 p. m.
Sunday, April 13	
8:39 a. m.	2:44 a. m.
9:04 p. m.	3:00 p. m.
Monday, April 14	
9:31 a. m.	3:34 a. m.
9:56 p. m.	3:47 p. m.
Tuesday, April 15	
10:26 a. m.	4:24 a. m.
10:51 p. m.	4:36 p. m.
Wednesday, April 16	
11:23 a. m.	5:16 a. m.
11:48 p. m.	5:31 p. m.

## Mrs. Evans Dies In Ash Section

Funeral Services For Highly Respected Woman Of Ash Are Held Friday Afternoon, At Soldier's

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