

### Criminal Court Is Still In Session At Southport And Civil Docket Awaits Trial

Cases Were Set For Trial Monday And Tuesday, But Were Not Completed Before Today's Session

Several cases of little importance were completed today. The docket which will be under way tomorrow has no outstanding cases.

C. Everett Thompson of City is presiding over the term of Brunswick Superior court, the first days of which were devoted to trials of criminal cases. It is probable that civil actions were scheduled to begin today, but were taken up before the adjournment this afternoon.

Mooney, who was in all papers last fall a year ago, was here from Ft. Knox, Ky., for disposing of mortgage property. Escorted here by police, he was found guilty and given 18 months on the farm.

Stanley drew the heavy term meted out in the two years he got to 7 years in prison for store breaking, and receiving.

Albert Lumsden, store owner and larceny, 3 years in prison.

E. Jackson, transporting 18 months on roads.

Brown, Jr., store owner and larceny, plead guilty to years on roads, suspended parole to be suspended in the army.

Smith, drunken driving, 18 months on roads.

Robin, larceny of dog, no jail found.

Garfield Ward, alias Thompson, store breaking, 18 months on the farm.

Reaves, larceny, not guilty.

### Large Attendance At REA Meeting At Ash Saturday

Officers And Directors Are Named At The Meeting; Olyphic Man Is Named President; Prizes Given Away

Over 600 members and guests attended the second annual meeting of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation in Waccamaw high school building near Ash Saturday morning and afternoon.

The morning session consisted of reports from officers and election of officers and the board of directors for the coming year, as follows: F. E. Lay, of Olyphic, president; T. T. Ward, of Longwood, vice president; C. P. Willetts, of Bolivia, secretary and treasurer; G. K. Lewis, Winnabow; R. D. White, Shallotte; S. P. Fipps, Tabor City; R. D. Bennett, Ash; Foy D. Fowler, Tabor City; Fronis Strickland, Tabor City; D. H. Lennon, Boardman, and J. L. Robinson, Whiteville.

A delicious barbecue dinner was served during the lunch hour.

After the barbecue dinner

Miss Marien Weinel, home economist of the REA, gave a cooking and baking demonstration from electrical appliances, after which there was a drawing for prizes, donated by the following: Wilmington Electric Supply Company, Schulken Hardware Company, The News Reporter, J. T. McKenzie and Co., McGowan Electric Co., L. L. Gore, Russ Furniture Co., and the Co-Operative Office Personnel.

Those receiving the prizes were as follows: Mrs. C. F. Dudley, Cerro Gordo; D. M. Jolly, Clarendon; R. M. Edwards, Ash; Mrs. Lucy Bennett, Shallotte; M. D. Hardwick, Nankins; J. H. Merritt, Whiteville; Mrs. Jesse Robinson, Supply; Robert Sellers, Whiteville; N. H. Cox, Tabor City; J. W. Stanley, Ash; Dennis Evans, Ash; and O. F. Batten, Whiteville. (Continued On Page Four)

### Rationing Board Is Now Swamped In Work

Only Three Certificates For Purchase Of New Tires And Tubes Have Been Granted By Local Board

FEW REQUESTS FOR PASSENGER CARS

It Appears That Most Of People Effected Have Become Resigned To Fact That They Must Walk

L. T. Yaskell, chairman of the Brunswick County Tire Rationing Board, says that contrary to his expectations the board which he heads has not been swamped with applications for tires and tubes.

"The people generally seem to have read and interpreted the rules for themselves and know that only a small percentage of their number is eligible for certificates of purchase.

"So far, we have issued certificates to three applicants. These are the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, one tire; Lewis J. Wall, Winnabow, a tire and tube; Dolly Evans, Southport, one tire and tube.

"This means that our board is well below the quota allowed for distribution during the first two weeks of January. These tires are still available for distribution during this month, but there is no such thing as carrying over any unused part of your quota from month to month."

From other sources it has become apparent that private automobile operators are becoming conscious of the fact that it may be increasingly difficult for them to obtain tires and tubes, even used and second handed, and this has resulted in a return to travel on foot.

### Farmer Passes In This County

John C. Hewett, Aged Resident Of Near Supply Laid To Rest Friday Afternoon

John C. Hewett, 84, a farmer, died at his home on Thursday at 2:50 a. m. Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove church near Supply, Friday at 3 p. m. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Lee Hewett, Oscar Mills, Alton Smith, Johnnie Hewett, Robert Johnson, and Brening Ferpus. Honorary: Bass Leonard, J. J. Adams, Dock Robinson, Waitus Hester, Ralph Phelps, and Cecil Cook.

### Unusual Catches Of Fish Are Made

Fishing one night last week Maxie Cooker got twelve red drum in one of his gill nets, the fish averaging fourteen pounds each. Others escaped by tearing up the part of the net that enmeshed them.

The fishermen using gill nets and rowboats are all said to be having splendid luck. Maxie stated that in one night he and his father got \$30.00 worth of trout, drum and mullets.

### Enemy Aliens Must Register

February 2 To February 7 Is Set As Period For This Formality By Foreign Japs, Germans And Italians

Attorney General Francis Biddle today announced new regulations affecting the conduct of German, Italian and Japanese nationals throughout continental United States.

The new regulations, issued under authority of the Presidential proclamation of January 14, 1942, relating to alien enemies, require all German, Italian and Japanese aliens to apply at the nearest first or second class, or county seat, post office for a Certificate of Identification between February 2 and February 7. The requirement applies to all enemy nationals 14 years of age and over who have not yet taken the oath of allegiance before a Federal judge, the final step in acquiring American citizenship.

The identification program, which will affect approximately 1,100,000 German, Italian and Japanese non-citizens, will be directed by Mr. Earl G. Harrison, former Director of Alien Registration and now a Special Assistant to the Attorney General advising on alien problems.

### Tobacco Beds Doing Nicely

Reports From Out In County Indicate That Prospects Are Good For Tobacco Plants This Year

Many of the Brunswick growers have their tobacco beds sown and are awaiting the appearance of the plants. Luther Ward, prominent grower of the Ash, community, stated this week that he planted his bed on the first of January and he thinks that all is well with himself and other early well with himself and other early

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### Judge Thompson Makes Charge To The Grand Jury

Armstrong Evans Is Named Foreman Of Body Of Grand Inquest After The Members Were Chosen Monday Morning

JUDGE IMPRESSES JURORS IN CHARGE

Tells Them Safety Of The People Depends Upon Vigilant and Firm Execution Of The Laws Of The Land

Armstrong Evans, prominent Ash farmer, was named foreman of the grand jury that was chosen Monday at the beginning of the one-week mixed term of Superior court.

Other members of that body are: Ralph Dixon, J. Beatty Little, Clyde Long, D. L. Scoggins, H. F. Milliken, M. F. Mercer, W. H. Benton, C. H. Reaves, Leo Benton, L. H. Hughes, G. W. Lennon, J. L. Smith, E. W. Hewett, Mark Fargusson, LeRoy Lewis, Murray Long and J. G. Reaves.

In a solemn charge, designed to impress members of this body of grand inquest with the serious duty with which they have been entrusted, Judge Thompson said in part:

"In all of your inquiries be diligent, and in all of your conclusions be careful and deliberate. In a country like ours, blessed with free institutions the safety of its people depends upon the diligent and firm execution of the law.

"Everyone must be made to understand and constantly to feel that the law's supremacy will be speedily enforced by the constituted tribunals and that liberty cannot exist under a feeble, relaxed or indolent administration the power of the law where crime goes unpunished and law is condemned."

### Death Follows Sudden Attack

Mrs. Bessie Singletary Died Wednesday At Doshier Memorial Hospital In Southport

Mrs. Bessie Singletary, 58, wife of the late George C. Singletary of Southport, died at Doshier Memorial Hospital last Wednesday as the result of a stroke suffered earlier in the day.

The deceased was a native of Philadelphia. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Creto, Mrs. Rita Smith, and Mrs. Gertrude (Continued On Page Four)

### Young People's Club Meeting

The Young People's Club of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Shallotte, held its monthly meeting at the home of Beth Hawes on Friday evening.

The pastor, Rev. Woodrow Robbins, led the devotion. Afterwards the president called the meeting to order and new officers were elected for the new year as follows:

Misses Britie Holden and Emma Barker, sponsors; Annie Laurie Swain, president; Beth Hawes, vice-president; Harold Milliken, sec-trea.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served by the hostess.

### Bowling Interest Increases; The Ladies Form A League

Again Friday night a coast guard bowling team headed by A. E. Huntley, took the measure of a Southport five, this time to the tune of three straight sets.

And catching fire from the competitive enthusiasm of the men, the women bowlers of Southport swung into action Monday night in the first effort at organized team play.

A team comprised of Leila Piggott, Lois Jane Bussells, Eleanor Willing, Evelyn Thompson and Elizabeth Watson defeated a team made up of Della Huntley, Rachel Corlette, Irma Carr, Alice St. George and Grace Ruark two out of three sets.

High score for the women's contest was made by Mrs. St. George with a score of 172, while Mrs. Piggott had the highest average for three sets, 150 pins. Following are the in-

### Late War Bulletins

Whatever comfort there is for United States citizens in the war news of the past week comes from Russia where the Red army continues its amazing action against the invading army of the Germans. Slowly but surely the Nazis are falling back, and the prayer of the allied powers is that it will be far enough quickly enough before the spring brings weather more to the liking of the German army.

One development of the past week has been the appearance off the Atlantic coast of enemy submarines, which have sunk at least three merchant vessels, one off North Carolina. Our navy has swung into action, but in accordance with the war-time policy of withholding news of sinkings, no announcement of hopes for successes has been made.

In the far east American forces still hold on grimly against overwhelming odds in the Philippines where it seems that forces under a less gallant leader than General Douglas MacArthur might already have given up.

But it is from Singapore, judged by experts to be an essential naval base for successful operations of the allied fleet in the far east, that news is most discouraging. The Japanese advance down the Malay Peninsula is creeping nearer and nearer, and great concern is felt for the eventual safety of that base.

All told, this has not been a good week of the war from the point of view of the allied powers.

### Home Nursing Course Begins

First Class Held Last Night In Sunday School Rooms Of Trinity Church; Mrs. Fergus Instructor

The first class of the course in Home nursing sponsored by the local chapter of the American Red Cross was held on Tuesday night in the Sunday school rooms of Trinity church.

Mrs. L. C. Fergus, R. N., instructor, conducted the class, the first of its kind to be held in Brunswick county.

Classes are to be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 and will continue for a minimum of thirty hours taught over a period of at least six weeks. The purpose of the course is to teach those who have entered

### Antioch Club Women Meet

Members of Antioch Home Demonstration Club met last Monday at the home of Mrs. H. R. Yount, in their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. V. Beck, and following the business session, Miss Eakes had charge of the lesson for the month, "Family Plans for 1942."

The recreation period was in charge of Mrs. M. Ward, after which refreshments of cake, cream and coffee were served by the hostess to the following club members: Mrs. James Garner, Mrs. W. V. Beck, Mrs. Horrace Johnson, Mrs. Alvah Lewis, Mrs. Carl Ward, Mrs. Melvin Smith, Miss Genevieve Eakes and Mrs. H. H. Yount.

The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Smith on Feb. 9, at 2 o'clock.

### League Play In County League Gets Underway

Southport Teams Played Last Night At Waccamaw, Shallotte Teams At Leland; Two Games Here Thursday Night

SCHEDULE WILL BE PLAYED OUT

That Is Decision Of Principals And Coaches, Provided Necessary Transportation Is Available

Pre-tournament play in the Brunswick county high school basketball league got underway last night with the Southport teams going to Waccamaw and the Shallotte teams going to Leland.

No results from these opening games are available for today's paper.

On Thursday night the Bolivia teams come to Southport and Waccamaw sends her teams to Shallotte.

Principals and coaches of the five participating schools met Friday at Bolivia and voted to play the county schedule despite the war-time measures that have called for rationing of tires and other sacrifices. It was noted that the government so far has looked with favor upon continuation of competitive sports of all kinds where ever possible in order to keep up the morale of the nation at large.

However, the official decision of the school authorities may have to bow to the will of the public if Tuesday's condition at Southport (continued on page four)

### Fishermen Sight Shooting Star

While off in the bays near Zaid Head Island Willie Cooker and his son, Maxie, saw what they described as a most unusual falling star at one o'clock Friday morning.

They say it came from the north, straight in their direction. At first they took it to be a gigantic searchlight. It, apparently shot to within a mile of them and then burst, lighting up the whole area as plain as day with brilliant blue rays.

### B. T. U. Meeting At Soldier Bay

The Intermediate B. T. U. union of Soldier's Bay Baptist Church enjoyed a social at the home of Misses Wilma and Leah Phelps Thursday. Several games were played and then everyone was invited into the dining room where refreshments were served consisting of jello and whipped cream, cocoa and cookies.

At the close of the social the pastor led in a devotional period. Those present were: Rev. Woodrow W. Robbins and leader, Mrs. Bertha Evans, Misses Willie Frances Bessent, Florine Evans, Allene Simmons, Lois Forny Duval, Genevia Williams, Vada Simmons, Pauline Coleman, Mary Ellen Stanley, Crystal Stanley, Lorraine Hughes, Marie Parker, Doris Babson, Robbie Purvis, Alma Benton, Hazel Babson and Mable Lee Smith. Mr. Hyton Babson, Lee Williams, John A. Williams, Leon Phelps, Roger Evans, Cecil Evans, Edward Babson and Jessie Purvis, Jr.

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Robbins

Mrs. Della Irene Robbins died at Her Home Last Wednesday Afternoon Following Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Della Irene Robbins, 59, wife of T. W. Robbins, of Southport R. F. D., were conducted at the Lebanon church on Thursday at 3 p. m. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Robbins died following an extended illness at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Robbins is survived by her husband and five children.

### Harry L. Mintz Volunteers For Army Air Corps

Harry L. Mintz, Jr., former register of deeds of Brunswick county, the son of Mrs. Harry L. Mintz and the late Mr. Mintz of Shallotte, volunteered today for service in the Army Air Corps.



HARRY L. MINTZ

For the past six months Mintz has held a position with the Emergency Corp and Feed Loan office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Two brothers are already in the air corps, Lieutenant Rudolph I. Mintz, stationed at Camp Davis and Elwood Mintz, who enlisted December 29 and is now at Shepherd Field, Texas.

Following is a report by grades: First grade .....\$19.07 Second grade ..... 14.62 Third grade ..... 19.85 Fourth grade ..... 23.75 Fifth grade ..... 19.45 Sixth grade ..... 35.99 Seventh grade ..... 26.27 Eighth grade ..... 18.66 Ninth grade ..... 13.50 Tenth grade ..... 16.78 Eleventh grade ..... 36.25

### Shallotte Makes Fine Record For Red Cross Fund

Students of Shallotte School Raise Sum Of \$242.12 For War Relief Fund Of National Organization

IS SPONTANEOUS EFFORT OF CHILDREN

County-Wide Drive For This Purpose Has Not Been Started, Making Accomplishment Even More Remarkable

A story of spontaneous movement in the interest of the Red Cross War Relief fund comes this week from Shallotte high school where students in an all-out effort to aid this national organization raised the sum of \$242.12.

The campaign resulted from a chapel talk made recently by Principal Henry C. Stone, in which the school head pointed out several of the ways that even boys and girls can express their patriotism in a practical way. The first contributions came in to the respective teachers without benefit of a formal request, and when it became apparent that the students really were dead serious about the effort, an intensive campaign was organized.

All grades participated, the highest room contribution coming from Miss Ida Creech's 11th grade, \$36.25. The 6th grade, Miss Clarice Swain teacher, contributed \$32.57 for the greatest contribution from one of the grammar grade rooms.

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### Orton Gardens Withstand Cold

Camellias Said To Be In Unusually Fine Bloom For This Season Despite Recent Cold

The Orton garden and nursery flowers came through the recent cold weather with what may be described as flying colors. They now seem all set to present the most gorgeous winter and spring display of bloom that has ever been seen at this, the most famous of the North Carolina flower gardens.

They were nursed through the several years of dry weather, both grounds and garden being steadily improved without a letup, thanks to the efficient artificial watering system and unremitting care and attention. This fall and winter found everything in the most ideal condition to receive and profit by the many soaking rains. No sprinkling system can compare with rain water when it falls freely. The early blooming camellias are now presenting the most luxuriant blossoms that have ever been seen at the gardens, and the profusion of strong and healthy buds on the more than 350 varieties of the camel-

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### Plane Observers Need Binoculars

Efforts Of Many Observers Handicapped By Lack Of Glasses; An Effort Being Made To Borrow Some

Mr. Myers, assistant State Defense Director, was here yesterday in company with Lieutenant Grimes of the Wilmington Filter Center and Dawson Jones, air warning director for the county. They were checking up on the air raid warning system for Brunswick and getting everything in readiness for any possible eventuality.

In the matter of spotting planes the observers in Brunswick county are badly handicapped by the shortage of field glasses. The officials stated that persons who own good glasses that are not absolutely needed, will be helping the work a lot if they will loan these glasses to the observers, the chief observers at each spotter point becoming responsible for the glasses and their re-

### 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.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 25	
0:51 a. m.	7:16 a. m.
1:10 p. m.	7:38 p. m.
Friday, December 26	
1:44 a. m.	8:19 a. m.
2:06 p. m.	8:33 p. m.
Saturday, December 27	
2:39 a. m.	9:16 a. m.
3:04 p. m.	9:24 p. m.
Sunday, December 28	
3:36 a. m.	10:08 a. m.
4:01 p. m.	10:11 p. m.
Monday, December 29	
4:30 a. m.	10:57 a. m.
4:55 p. m.	10:57 p. m.
Tuesday, December 30	
5:19 a. m.	11:44 a. m.
5:43 p. m.	11:43 p. m.
Wednesday, December 31	
6:01 a. m.	
6:26 p. m.	12:30 p. m.