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Abbreviated Term Of Coutr Comes To Close Yesterday At Noon In Day And Halr

Was For Trial Of Criminal Cases And Closed At Noon Tuesday

UDGE NIMOCKS PRESIDING JURIST

our Cases Of Manslaughter Were Up For Trial, But In Only One Was Defendant Given Sentence

After being in session for only day and one-half, the May term Brunswick county Superior urt which convened here Monav for the trial of criminal cases as adjourned yesterday (Tuesay) at noon.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks was the esiding jurist.

None of the cases tried was of najor interest, although there re four charges of manslaugh-

One divorce was granted, this the matter of Lillian H. Harrell Carlton Harrell on the grounds two years separation.

J. Calvin G. Willetts pleaded nity to charges of transporting nd was given 30 days, judgment ng suspended upon payment costs and a fine of \$25.00. A true bill was returned in the anslaughter charge against T.

The case charging Frank I. ldermen with drunk driving was

The case charging Ben Fulwood ith reckless operation and drivg with improper brakes was

Joseph J. Harvath was found ot guilty of drunken driving. Lucille Stone was up for prosti-

ution and larceny and receiving Capias and continued. The case against Hazel May erkins for assault with a dead-

weapon was continued. Not a true bill was returned n the charge against Paul Anrew Young for manslaughter. The same return was made in manslaughter charge against

ohn Phillip Brown. Greer Stephens entered a plea nolo contendre to the charge of anslaughter against him. Sentence of 3 years on the roads was havior for 5 years, refrain from a woman's mind.

eth Ray for larceny.

The case against Robert Mc-

Frink, Trustee. Through the pro- date had been kept. visions of the judgment all pro- Classifications for the show are

Fishing Season Opens Thursday

Forty-Day Closed Season Comes To An End Tomorrow; Orton Pond Will Not Be Open To Public Fishing During Summer

The 40-day closed season to permit freshwater fish to have an unintterupted spawning season will come to an end tomorrow, May 20. Such fishermen as may be able to reach the lakes and streams may resume their favorite sport. The season will remain open until the early days of next

Many sportsmen will be disapfamous Orton pond will not be made through the efforts of the a great number of friends who days from launching to delivery. California Shipbuilding comopen to public fishing for the War Finance Committee for this summer at least. The great am- county in the Second War Loan ount of lumbering that has been Drive reveals that Brunswick was carried on, as a war measure, over her quota by \$35,682.50. during the past two or three years has resulted in rather seri- set at \$44,200.00, and total sales ous fire hazzards in the vicinity amounted to \$79,882.50. of the pond. It was felt best A break-up of the sales shows that for the summer, at least, the E, \$17,662.50; Series F, \$2,220.00; plantation should not run the risk the following distribution:

Added to the danger from fires 00; 2% Tr. Bdn., \$42,000.00. was the problem of guides and (Continued on page 4)
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County Superior Court Daughter Of Fort Caswell **Builder Is Army Officer**

Major Margaret D. Craighill, M. D., Is First Woman To Be Given Commission In Army Of The United States

Born in Southport and residing here until she was several years old, Major Margaret D. Craighill, M. D., was last week commissioned into the United States Army, Her commission was the first one, for either army or navy service, that has ever been bestowed on a woman in the United States.

The commission was by virtue of the recently enacted congressional legislation, permitting women to serve in the armed

Major Craighill is the daughter of Colonel William E. Craig-As Captain Craighill he hill. came to Southport shortly after the Spanish - American war. As supervising engineer much of the rebuilding of Fort Caswell was done under his direction. It was while he was engaged in this work and his family resided in the Garrison Building at Southport that Major Craighill was born.

It is understood that the Craighill family lived here until she was some six or seven years old. Several Southport women

remember her as "Betty" Craig-

4 PAGES TODAY

After leaving Southport the family went to Mobile, Ala., and afterwards to Portland, Maine, Captain, later Colonel Craighill, going to wherever his work as a government engineer led him. Both he and his father, General William P. Craighill, were graduates of the U.S. Military academy at West Point.

The Southport born woman received an A. B. degree from Wisconsin university in 1920, an M. S. degree in 1921, and an M. D. degree from Johns Hopkins university in 1924. The next year she interned at Johns Hopkins hospital, specializing in gynecology and surgery.

For the next year she was assistant in pathology at Yale medical school, and for the following two years was assistant resident in gynecology at John Hopkins hospital. During her college career she interrupted her regular courses for a year to study toxicology of gases in animals while in

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Annual Flower Show To Be Held Friday Afternoon in response to a call for volunteers for the purpose of giving

This Is Final Change In Date And Plans Are Being Made To Stage Annual Event on The Above Named Date

CLASSIFICATION FOR VICTORY GARDENS

List Of Classes, Together With Certain Rules For Exhibitors Are Listed By Officials In Charge Of Show

The ability of a woman to spended upon condition that the change her mind is exceeded only endant remain of good be- by the weather's ability to change

any motor vehicle on the Once again the vagaries of the public highway during that per- weather have made it necessary od, and pay the costs of the ac- to change the date of the spring flower show sponsored by the Not a true bill was returned Southport woman's club. The new, against Nevade Ray and Eliza- and final, date is Friday, May 21st. The place for the show re-There was no trial for W. W. mains the same, the gymnasium, Justice, as the defendant has not and the hours as reported in last week's paper are unchanged.

Entering will be done from 10 tacken for larceny was continu- o'clock until noon and the show will be open to the public from The court rendered a judgment 3 o'clock until 8 o'clock. It is exfavor of Mrs. Minnie Davis, et pected that more flowers will be als, vs. C. S. Van Amringe and entered this week than would Andrey J. Flanner, and S. B. have been possible if the former

perty conveyed by Van Amringe as follows; Class I: a. Perfection David Ernest Arthur Laid refresher course in the 41st office by members of the auxiliary to Flanner is to be offered for of bloom (flowers must be grown sale to satisfy the amount for by exhibitor); b. Perfection vegewhich the suit was brought, plus tables (must be grown by exhibitor).

Class II: Artistic arrangement (flowers do not have to be grown by exhibitor); A. Dining table arrangement without dishes; B. mantle or high arrangement; C. coffee table arrangement; D. Interior floor arrangement; E. porch arrangement; F. Public building arrangement; G. nursery arrangement; H. boudoir arrangement; I. (Continued on page 4)

Final Report On Bond Sales

By Over \$35,000.00 Dur- years ago. For the past 19 years ing April

The quota for the county was

fires any more than can be Series G, \$3,000.00; Tax Notes-C, \$5,000.00; 7|8% C. of I., \$10,000.

Great Big Bear Is Making Tracks

It may surprise some people to know that bears hang out within a couple of miles or less of Southport. This distance is computed as the crow flies, and the crow has to fly much straighter than they are usually observed to do. O. L. Owen, resident engine-

er for the State Highway Commission, reported yesterday that he had seen numerous bear tracks in the clay pit across the bridge. Some of these tracks were fully ten-inches in length. The pit is not far from where Clarence Spencer rounded a big tree and found a bear standing on the other side, a few years ago. Spencer had his gun and let the bear have both barrels. He and the bear then both turned and ran, but in differ-

Prominent Man Dies Thursday

David Ernest Arthur, prominent non-combatant work. merchant of Southport, were held at Trinity Methodist church on Mrs. Walter M. Stanaland, of

Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services were conducted by the Rev. R. S. Harrison and burial Coast Guardsmen. Honorary pallbearers were merchants of Southport and members of the American Legion, J. O. U. A. M. and members of the board of Stewards

of Trinity Methodist church.

he has been a merchant here.

of Trinity Methodist and for a record for a ship here was 32 with 39.4 days. long time was a member of its days. of the directors of the Southport ditional Liberty ships as it makes with 10.2. Building and Loan Association.

widow, Mrs. Hettie Fulcher Ar- cargo carriers. thur, one brother, W. D. Arthur, one brother, W. D. Arthur, of Norfolk, Va., and several nieces port received from the Maritime first place and California, with 19, day at Dosher Memorial Hospital of Fairmont, as well as six grand-lions. The Government had that

May File Suit **Board Directs** For Damages Their Attorney In Lewis Death

Attorneys For Administrat- Commissioners Not Willing of the Civilian Defense Council or Of Barney J. Lewis Obtain Court Order Permitting Them To Question James Walker Offi-

MOVE TO DETERMINE LIABILITY ON CASE

Reported That Suit For Heavy Damages For The Death Of Brunswick Man Hinges On Hearing In Wilmington Saturday

to determine something of the wick county. degree of liability of the James matter of the death of Barney J. Lewis. The hearing is said to be Barney J. Lewis, who was his out some adjustment.

The law firm of Varser, McInyre and Henry of Lumberton, ssisted by Senator J. W. Ruark of Southport, is representing the dministrator. While under existing laws a hospital or other charitable institution cannot be such laws will not apply in this case since Lewis was not a patient in the hospital. He went there in response to a call for volunblood for a transfusion. It will be alleged and was admitted at the coroner's inquest in New Hanover county, that an error at the hosa tube that drained the blood. As result, a quantity of air was pumped into his body, this causing air embolism, effecting all vital organs of his body, including

Lews died on April 22, some two hours after the accident. He was in the army and was stationed at time. He was 26 years old and ed at \$195.00 valuation for 1942 well known farmer and business man who lives near the Mill Creek Baptist church. The Baptist church. The unfortunate accident attracted widespread attention.

While here obtaining the order for the hearing in Wilmington, O. L. Henry, of Lumberton, stated Hospital Given that it was the expectation of the administrator whom he represented to enter suit for a large sum. The amount, however, will not be decided upon until the hearing in Wilmington Saturday.

Brunswick Girl At WAAC Camp

CAMP POLK, La., May 19 .-To Rest At Northwood WAAC Training Regiment here for Dosher Memorial Hospital. Cemetery Friday After- and has been assigned to a She is the daughter of Mr. and the hospital.

Settlement For Taxes Owed Brunswick County

TOTAL TAX AND Recent legislation has resulted PENALTIES HIGHER in the establishment of a fund of

By W. B. & S.

Other Matters Disposed Of Before Board In Regular Meeting Here Monday. Had To Do With Tax Matters

Members of the board of coun-Under a court order granted ed E. J. Prevatte, county attornere this past week by B. J. ney, to enter into negotiations Superior Court, a hearing will be S. Railroad for the purpose of unable to go back to work. field before a commissioner in the securing a more equitable adjustcourt house at Wilmington Sat- ment in the allotment prorated for urday morning, the object being the payment of taxes due Bruns-

It is understood that in the pro-Walker Memorial Hospital in the posed settlement of claims the county was to be paid \$1,000.00 for a tax debt which, including principal and penalties, was in the first step in what will prob- the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. ably be a big action for damages, This, the commissioners thought, nstituted by W. E. Lewis, ad- was too much of a cut, so they ministrator of the estate of are asking their attorney to work The county attorney was in-

structed to represent the county in the suit being brought by the Atlantic Coast line against the county.

The following tax matters were disposed of: J. D. Holden will be permitted to pay taxes on the Mary Ganey property at the rate a patient, it is contended that of \$5.00 per acre for all unpaid years; L. C. Fergus was released from \$80.00 valuation for a lot improperly listed; Rose E. Inman will be permitted to pay taxes for 1932 and prior years at the 1933 valuation; John Manuel was given permission to pay taxes on the Nancy Manuel lands for 1932 and prior years at 1933 valuation; C. E. Hart was released from pay pumped air being applied to the ment of poll tax for 1939 and arm of the volunteer, instead of 1940; James Clemmons was rees, and a refund of \$3.50 was granted on the 1928 taxes; foreclosure proceedings were ordered instituted against Archie Robin son; Oliver Bellamy or John L Allen may pay taxes for 1932 and prior years at the 1933 valuation; \$600.00 valuation for 1942 and the Wilmington Air Base at the 1943; Sallie J. Reeves was releas. C. M. Crapon was named rabie inspector for Smithville township

Useful Presents

Members Of Hospital Aux-National Hospital Day

On Hospital Day last Wednes-Aux. Arnette Stanaland, Route 1, day a number of gifts were ac-Shallotte, has completed a brief cepted at the State Port Pilot

Among the articles brought headquarters company, with were sheets, towels, pillow cases, which she will go to an Army glasses, wash cloths, money and Funeral services for the late post, camp or station to take over canned vegetables. The gifts were much appreciated by officials of

> Those who donated were Mrs (Continued on page 4)

was made in the new cemetery. Active pallbearers were local Building Of S. S. Joseph A. **Brown Established Record**

A new yard record for ship in the number of vessels per way construction was established by during April, second in average Mr. Arthur died early Thursday company in Wilmington early this to delivery and first in number al following an extended illness. rier from the Ash post-office for morning at his home after a lin- month as it delivered the S. S. of days fom launching to delivery He was 52 years of age. gering illness of three years. He Joseph A. Brown to the U. S. of ships. War Finance Committee was 66 years old.

Maritime commission 30 days

The average time of construc- Grace Wescott Roberts, and by in lower Co.

that period.

For Second War Loan A native of Carteret county, the after keel laying, officials of the lower control of the ten vessels delivered three children, Mrs. W. A. Jones, that period.

Funeral second war Loan A native of Carteret county, the after keel laying, officials of the lower control of the laying of th Maritime commission 30 days The average time of construc-

Mr. Arthur is survived by his struction of 87 larger C-2 type in number of ships per way dur-

commission, the yard ranked third

the North Carolina Shipbuilding number of days from keel laying noon at Dosher Memorial Hospit-

in April was 36.7 days an im- Mrs. Milton Webb and William Drive Exceeded Quota deceased moved to Southport 37 company announced today. in April was 36.7 days an im- Mrs. Milton Webb and William Funeral services are scheduled er sold bit the other for the past 19 years ago. For the past 19 years ago. For the past 19 years ago. For the past 19 years ago, For the past 19 years the 91st to be constructed at the half a day over March's time and five grandchildren; four brothers, o'clock A. M. at the Old Dock and she was taken off the for Mr. Arthur was a cooperative yard, required 23 days from keel second only to Kaiser's Oregon Francis, Henry Bennie and Clif- Methodist church in this county, sale list. citizen of Southport and leaves laying to launching and seven yard's mark of 27.5 days. The ton Roberts, Wilmington; and two with Rev. C. N. Phillips and Dr. respected him. He was a member The previous minimum time pany's yard was in third place land, and Mrs. Ernest Stanley, ton in charge. Burial will follow her fitted out as a gunboat and

board of stewards in addition to being an active member of the late outstanding was top among the nation's lead- 3:30 o'clock at Bethel Baptist Emma Leigh Purvis; two sons: men's Bible class. He was a mem- Chadbourn, businessman and ing producers of Liberty ships. church with the pastor, Rev. Jesse A. Purvis, of Ash, and Jam- broke out on board on Saturday. ber of the J. O. U. A. M. and the agriculturist, was the first ship Oregon was next with 7.8 days Thomas Johnson, in charge, as- es B. Purvis, of Wilmington; two January 24, at 8 p. m. At mid-American Legion. He was also one on the yard's contract for 36 ad- and Bethlehem-Fairfield was third sisted by Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor daughters: Mrs. H. E. Cranford, night she had been gutted by fire

ing the month. Oregon, which sent

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W. B Keziah Is Personnel Officer For County OCD

To Defend Suit Will Be His Job To Prepare And Maintain Register Of Active Workers On Civilian Defense Jobs

At a meeting of local officials: To Accept \$1,000.00 In here Monday night W. B. Keziah, Southport newspaperman, was appointed personnal officer for the county - wide organization. Recent legislation has resulted

\$5,000,000.00 for the protection of Civilian Defense workers while in performance of their duties. Under the terms of this plan any person injured while performing any volunteer duty for the Office of Civilian Defense will have his ty commissioners Monday direct-medical and hospital bills paid. After seven days, up to twothirds of his regular salary will Holden, assistant clerk of the with the receiver for the W. B. & be paid in the event he still is

The duties that the personnel officer has in this connection is to maintain a live, up-to-date regster of all active Civilian Defense workers on the various projects throughout the county. Through correspondence, Mr. Keziah plans to secure this list, and he is urging the cooperation of responsible heads to help keep his register in



Fate Of W.B.&S. Railroad Has Not Been Determined to Wilmington and repairs were started, repairs that were never

Bait A Fishing Line And Catch Dinner

Sheephead and other varities of salt water fish are beginning to bite from the docks along the coast and therein lies the answer to the question often propounded by housewives about where they can add to their table menus in these days of ra-

Fulton Morris, who is stationed here with the resident engineer for the State Highway Commission, tried his luck at one of the docks yesterday afternoon. He carried home five sheephead and admitted that a sixth one (which, of course, was very much bigger than any of the others) got away after he got it on the

tion Stamps

not allowed to have a ration bank they anticipate. account now have one full calen- Yesterday a representative of iliary Accepted Gifts For their Processed Foods and Meat has a responsible position in the a patrol boat, based at Norfolk, Local Institution On Last Stamps, after these stamps have office of another railroad, asking Va. Wednesday, Which Was expired in the hands of the con- if he knew what the new owners sumer, according to OPA an- would do with the W. B. & S. He nouncement this week.

> bank accounts, now have one full felt sure that it would not be calender month and ten (10) days junked. He inclined to the belief to deposit these stamps.

This information is based on freight business backing. Amendment No. 20 to Ration Order 16 and Amendment No. 29 to Ration Order 13.

Wilmington Man Dies In Hospital Funeral Services For Pro-

Funeral Services This Afternoon At 3:30 O'clock For M. H. Roberts At Bethel Baptist Church

M. H. Roberts, of Wilmington died yesterday (Tuesday) after-

Wilmington.

North Carolina's average of 6.9 Funeral services are being held in this county. of Southport Baptist church.

APPENDECTOMY

for removal of his appendix.

There Is Possibility That Road May Be Junked, But There Are Indica-May Operate It

BETTER BUSINESS MAY BE IN SIGHT

Some Observers See This As Possible Explanation Of Interest Beink Shown By The New Purchasers In Local Project

there is still nothing definite re- heavier than six-pounders, Later garding plans for continued operations. The usual crop of rumors

For Merchants dustrial operators who have pur- on their memorable trip around the road evidently have the world. considerable business of some sort it to provide transportation facili-Small retail merchants that are ties for considerable shipping that peace negotiations.

replied that he did not know what The merchants that have ration they would do with it, but he that the road will have some good

Letter Carrier Dies On Sunday

Ash Will Be Held At Old the racing yacht Shamrock II. Dock On Tuesday Morning At 10 O'clock

William James Purvis, 72, retired letter carrier of Ash, died Carlos of Portugal, the first J. Sunday afternoon at 7:15 o'clock Pierpont Morgan, Sir Thomas Lipafter a lingering illness at his ton. The owner of the Mayflower home. He was a RFD letter car- was Ogden Goelet of New York, 25 years prior to his retirement her decks, as well as several He is survived by his wife, Mrs. about five years ago, and worked Presidents. Grace Wescott Roberts, and by in lower Columbus county during

in the Cox cemetery near Guide assigned as flagship for the Spe

Earl Andrew Ganey, of Le- and S. L. Purvis, of Acme, and al cost plus several modern

Famous Yacht Is **Back In Service** In Sub Patrol

Most Of The News

All The Time

The Mayflower, Probably The Most Famous Vessel Of The Past Quarter Centry, Is Used By Coast

CHANGES HER WHITE PAINT TO WAR JOB

This Craft Was Familiar To Residents Of This Area As She Remained In Wilmington Several Years

Riding the tides of the Cape Fear River for nearly a dozen years after she was gutted by fire in the later part of 1931, moored at the Broadfoot Iron Works in Wilmington, the former Presidential Yacht, Mayflower, has shaken off her rusty white paint and donned the drab colors of the United States Coast Guard. She will be used in the anti-submarine patrol. Now 50-years old, in her other days she was often rated the most beautiful and famous ship afloat.

Burned shortly before Christmas in 1931, the Mayflower was towed to Southport, her hulk having been purchased at less than junk prices. After a week at the engineers dock she was taken on completed. From the time she entered the Cape Fear the vessel was the subject of litigation until she left, some two years ago. Commander L. J. Gulliver, U.

tions That New Owners S. N. Retired, was a midshipman aboard one of the fleet of sixteen battleships, of which the Mayflower was the flagship, when President Theodore Roosevelt ordered the memorable cruise around the world in 1902. The following brief history of the Mayflower, previous to her appearance at Wilmington, is credited to Commander Gulliver:

"Originally, the Mayflower was commissioned to fight. That was With the W. B. & S. railroad P. st before the United States declared war on Spain in 1898 but changing owners next Monday she was not armed with anything

she had Caribbean fleet duty.
"The Mayflower can thank President Theodore Roosevelt for include one to the effect that the the greatness that became hers railroad will be junked. Other ru- during the twenty years following mors, and some of them appear Teddy's decision to use the May to have good background, are that flower as the Government Yacht to have good background, are that the road will be put in shape, roll-his first summer of his Presidency ing stock acquired and good serv- 1902. She was the central scene when Teddy ordered the United If such are the plans, the in- States fleet of sixteen battleships

However, This One Gives in view. In fact, one of the most dent Roosevelt had placed the Them More Time In logical approaches to their rea- Mayflower at the disposal of the Which To Dispose Of Ra- sons for buying the road is said Russian and Japanese envoys to to lie in the fact that they needed take them from Oyster Bay to Portsmouth, N. H., for their

"During World War One the Mayflower was officially credited der month in which to dispose of this paper querried a party who with being on "special duty" as

> "The Mayflower is within three years of being 50 years old, but for all that she is believed have a good steel hull and engines to drive her at a speed of 17 knots. At least, she could go that fast when launched at Clydebank. Scotland, in the summer of 1896, a twin screw, schooner-rigged steamer of 1,778 tons. With her curved clipper bow and unusually fine lines, she was rated as one of the most beautiful craft afloat. She was the first of her kind to have electric lights and refrigeration. The yacht was designed by George L. Watson of minent Letter-Carrier, Of Patrick, who also drew plans for "At the very beginning, the

Mayflower was host to famous personages: Edward VII of England, the German Kaiser, King Many noted naval officers trod

"President Hoover as an econo my measure ordered the Mayflow-Funeral services are scheduled er sold but the offers for her "A month before she burned.

Admiral W. Veaszie Pratt ordered cial Service Squadron, basing Panama. The work incident thereof Wilmington and Mrs. C. M. and her hulk lay in the mud of of Wilmington and Mis.
Suggs, of Old Dock; two brothers: F. F. Purvis, of Fairmont, portedly, for \$16,105. Her original coart plus several modernise. Mr. Goelet \$430,000 for her,"