

## Abbreviated Term Of Court Comes To Close Yesterday At Noon In Day And Half

Day Term Of Brunswick County Superior Court Was For Trial Of Criminal Cases And Closed At Noon Tuesday

JUDGE NIMOCKS PRESIDING JURIST

Four 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 of Brunswick county Superior Court which convened here Monday for the trial of criminal cases was adjourned yesterday (Tuesday) at noon.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks was the presiding jurist.

None of the cases tried was of major interest, although there were four charges of manslaughter.

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

J. Calvin G. Willetts pleaded guilty to charges of transporting and was given 30 days, judgment being suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

A true bill was returned in the manslaughter charge against T. C. Simmons.

The case charging Frank I. Aldermen with drunk driving was continued.

The case charging Ben Fulwood with reckless operation and driving with improper brakes was continued.

Joseph J. Harvath was found not guilty of drunken driving. Lucille Stone was up for prostitution and larceny and receiving Capias and continued.

The case against Hazel May Perkins for assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

Not a true bill was returned in the charge against Paul Andrew Young for manslaughter.

The same return was made in a manslaughter charge against John Phillip Brown.

Greer Stephens entered a plea of nolo contendere to the charge of manslaughter against him. Sentence of 3 years on the roads was suspended upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior for 5 years, refrain from driving any motor vehicle on the public highway during that period, and pay the costs of the action.

Not a true bill was returned against Nevada Ray and Elizabeth Ray for larceny.

There was no trial for W. W. Justice, as the defendant has not been taken.

The case against Robert McKracken for larceny was continued.

The court rendered a judgment in favor of Mrs. Minnie Davis, et al., vs. C. S. Van Amringe and Andrew J. Flanner, and S. B. Frink, Trustee. Through the provisions of the judgment all property conveyed by Van Amringe to Flanner is to be offered for sale to satisfy the amount for which the suit was brought, plus interest.

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## 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 service.

Major Craighill is the daughter of Colonel William E. Craighill.

As Captain Craighill he 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" Craighill.

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

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 change her mind is exceeded only by the weather's ability to change a woman's mind.

Once again the vagaries of the weather have made it necessary to change the date of the spring flower show sponsored by the Southport woman's club. The new, and final, date is Friday, May 21st. The place for the show remains the same, the gymnasium, and the hours as reported in last week's paper are unchanged.

Entering will be done from 10 o'clock until noon and the show will be open to the public from 3 o'clock until 8 o'clock. It is expected that more flowers will be entered this week than would have been possible if the former date had been kept.

Classifications for the show are as follows: Class I: a. Perfection of bloom (flowers must be grown by exhibitor); b. Perfection vegetables (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.

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The 40-day closed season to permit freshwater fish to have an uninterrupted 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 April.

Many sportsmen will be disappointed at the news that the famous Orton pond will not be open to public fishing for the summer at least. The great amount of lumbering that has been carried on, as a war measure, during the past two or three years has resulted in rather serious fire hazards in the vicinity of the pond. It was felt best that for the summer, at least, the plantation should not run the risk of fires any more than can be helped.

Added to the danger from fires was the problem of guides and

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## May File Suit For Damages In Lewis Death

Attorneys For Administrator Of Barney J. Lewis Obtain Court Order Permitting Them To Question James Walker Officials

MOVE TO DETERMINE LIABILITY ON CASE

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

Under a court order granted here this past week by B. J. Holden, assistant clerk of the Superior Court, a hearing will be held before a commissioner in the court house at Wilmington Saturday morning, the object being to determine something of the degree of liability of the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the matter of the death of Barney J. Lewis. The hearing is said to be the first step in what will probably be a big action for damages, instituted by W. E. Lewis, administrator of the estate of Barney J. Lewis, who was his brother.

The law firm of Varner, McIntyre and Henry of Lumberton, assisted by Senator J. W. Ruark of Southport, is representing the administrator. While under existing laws a hospital or other charitable institution cannot be sued for an accident happening to a patient, it is contended that 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 volunteers for the purpose of giving blood for a transfusion. It will be alleged and was admitted at the coroner's inquest in New Hanover county, that an error at the hospital, resulting in a tube that pumped air being applied to the arm of the volunteer, instead of a tube that drained the blood. As a result, a quantity of air was pumped into his body, this causing air embolism, effecting all vital organs of his body, including his brain.

Lewis died on April 22, some two hours after the accident. He was in the army and was stationed at the Wilmington Air Base at the time. He was 26 years old and was a son of W. D. (Dunn) Lewis, well known farmer and business man who lives near the Mill Creek Baptist church. The unfortunate accident attracted widespread attention.

While here obtaining the order for the hearing in Wilmington, O. L. Henry, of Lumberton, stated 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.

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## Board Directs Their Attorney To Defend Suit

Commissioners Not Willing To Accept \$1,000.00 In Settlement For Taxes Owed Brunswick County By W. B. & S.

TOTAL TAX AND PENALTIES HIGHER

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

Members of the board of county commissioners Monday directed E. J. Prevatte, county attorney, to enter into negotiations with the receiver for the W. B. & S. Railroad for the purpose of securing a more equitable adjustment in the allotment prorated for the payment of taxes due Brunswick county.

It is understood that in the proposed settlement of claims the county was to be paid \$1,000.00 for a tax debt which, including principal and penalties, was in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. This, the commissioners thought, was too much of a cut, so they are asking their attorney to work out some adjustment.

The county attorney was instructed 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 of \$5.00 per acre for all unpaid taxes; L. C. Ferguson 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 payment of poll tax for 1939 and 1940; James Clemmons was released from payment of 1929 taxes, and a refund of \$3.50 was granted on the 1928 taxes; foreclosure proceedings were ordered instituted against Archie Robinson; Oliver Bellamy or John L. Allen may pay taxes for 1932 and prior years at the 1933 valuation; H. M. Potter was released of \$600.00 valuation for 1942 and 1943; Sallie J. Reeves was released at \$195.00 valuation for 1942 and 1943; the H. A. Ganey Estate will be permitted to pay 1940 taxes and prior at \$450.00 valuation.

C. M. Crapon was named rabies inspector for Smithville township for this year.

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## W. B. Keziah Is Personnel Officer For County OCD

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

At a meeting of local officials of the Civilian Defense Council here Monday night W. B. Keziah, Southport newspaperman, was appointed personnel officer for the county - wide organization.

Recent legislation has resulted in the establishment of a fund of \$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 medical and hospital bills paid. After seven days, up to two-thirds of his regular salary will be paid in the event he still is unable to go back to work.

The duties that the personnel officer has in this connection is to maintain a live, up-to-date register 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 good order.



W. B. KEZIAH

## Fate Of W.B.&S. Railroad Has Not Been Determined

Bait A Fishing Line And Catch Dinner

Sheephead and other varieties 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 rationing.

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 nice 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 dock.

## New Regulation For Merchants

However, This One Gives Them More Time In Which To Dispose Of Ration Stamps

Small retail merchants that are not allowed to have a ration bank account now have one full calendar month in which to dispose of their Processed Foods and Meat Stamps, after these stamps have expired in the hands of the consumer, according to OPA announcement this week.

The merchants that have ration bank accounts, now have one full calendar month and ten (10) days to deposit these stamps.

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

## Wilmington Man Dies In Hospital

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) afternoon at Doshier Memorial Hospital following an extended illness. He was 52 years of age.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Wescott Roberts, and by three children, Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. Milton Webb and William R. Roberts, all of Wilmington; five grandchildren; four brothers, Francis, Henry Bennie and Clifford Roberts, Wilmington; and two sisters, Mrs. William Mintz, Leland, and Mrs. Ernest Stanley, Wilmington.

Funeral services are being held this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Bethel Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. Thomas Johnson, in charge, assisted by Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor of Southport Baptist church.

APPENDECTOMY  
Earl Andrew Ganey, of Leland, underwent an operation Sunday at Doshier Memorial Hospital for removal of his appendix.

## Famous Yacht Is Back In Service In Sub Patrol

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

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 hull having been purchased at less than junk prices. After a week at the engineers dock she was taken on to Wilmington and repairs were started, repairs that were never 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. 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 before the United States declared war on Spain in 1898 but she was not armed with anything heavier than six-pounders. Later she had Caribbean fleet duty.

"The Mayflower can thank President Theodore Roosevelt for the greatness that became hers during the twenty years following Teddy's decision to use the Mayflower as the Government Yacht as he called her. That was during his first summer of his Presidency 1902. She was the central scene when Teddy ordered the United States fleet of sixteen battleships on their memorable trip around the world.

"Two years before that President Roosevelt had placed the Mayflower at the disposal of the Russian and Japanese envoys to take them from Oyster Bay to Portsmouth, N. H., for their peace negotiations.

"During World War One the Mayflower was officially credited with being on 'special duty' as a patrol boat, based at Norfolk, Va.

"The Mayflower is within three years of being 50 years old, but for all that she is believed to 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 Patrick, who also drew plans for the racing yacht Shamrock II.

"At the very beginning, the Mayflower was host to famous personages: Edward VII of England, the German Kaiser, King Carlos of Portugal, the first J. Pierpont Morgan, Sir Thomas Lipton. The owner of the Mayflower was Ogden Golet of New York. Many noted naval officers trod her decks, as well as several Presidents.

"President Hoover as an economy measure ordered the Mayflower sold but the offers for her were all refused as insufficient and she was taken off the for sale list.

"A month before she burned, Admiral W. Vessie Pratt ordered her fitted out as a gunboat and assigned as flagship for the Special Service Squadron, basing on Panama. The work incident there was well under way when fire broke out on board on Saturday, January 24, at 8 p. m. At midnight she had been gutted by fire and her hull lay in the mud of the Delaware. She was sold, reportedly, for \$16,105. Her original cost plus several modernizations must have totaled to millions. The Government had paid Mr. Golet \$430,000 for her."

## Letter Carrier Dies On Sunday

Funeral Services For Prominent Letter-Carrier, Of Ash Will Be Held At Old Dock On Tuesday Morning At 10 O'clock

William James Purvis, 72, retired letter carrier of Ash, died Sunday afternoon at 7:15 o'clock after a lingering illness at his home. He was a RFD letter carrier from the Ash post-office for 25 years prior to his retirement about five years ago, and worked in lower Columbus county during that period.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Old Dock Methodist church in this county, with Rev. C. N. Phillips and Dr. Fred Paschall, both of Wilmington in charge. Burial will follow in the Cox cemetery near Guide in this county.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Leigh Purvis; two sons: Jesse A. Purvis, of Ash, and James B. Purvis, of Wilmington; two daughters: Mrs. H. E. Cranford, of Wilmington and Mrs. C. M. Suggs, of Old Dock; two brothers: F. F. Purvis, of Fairmont, and S. L. Purvis, of Acme, and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Leggett, of Fairmont, as well as six grandchildren.