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September Term Criminal Court Finished Tuesday

Only Two Cases Of Major Importance Handled By Judge Stevens And Solicitor Clifton Moore During The Two-Day Session

D. T. LONG MURDER CASE IS CONTINUED

Case Against Former Principal Of Waccamaw School Charging Embezzlement Was Likewise Continued

Bernice Hill, Shallotte negro who was charged with incest, was given twelve to fifteen years in State Prison by Judge Henry L. Stevens in Superior court here Tuesday evening. His case was the hardest fought of the session. Former Solicitor David Sinclair and E. J. Prevatte, of the local bar represented Hill.

Plato William Bennett, young Kings Mountain white man, pleaded guilty to four charges of breaking and entering after Chief of Police Otto Hickman had gone on the stand and related the series of store breakings occuring here Sunday night. Judge Stevens sentenced him to serve two years on the roads on each count total of eight years.

Owing to the fact that he was suffering from an infected foot, the murder charge against D. T. Long, of Shallotte, was continued. At the spring term Long was suffering from a broken arm, received in a fall at the shipyard in Wilmington.

Another case of major importance was also continued, owing to the fact that no warrant has been issued for the defendant. At the spring term of court the Grand Jury found a true bill against J. S. Station. Principal of the Waccamaw school during part of last session. During a heated difference between Station and the school board and patrons, Station resigned, after teaching about three months. In the true bill rendered by the Grand Jury he was charged with misappropriating approximately $300.00 of school funds. Judge Stevens ordered a capias issued for his arrest, Tuesday.

The criminal session ended Tuesday evening owing to there being no further business ready for disposal. Judge Stevens and Solicitor Clifton Moore are remaining over here today to go fishing and Judge Stevens will handle a few civil cases Thursday before leaving for his home. In addition to the cases detailed above the following matters came up during the two day session:

L. T. Foster, unlawful parking, not guilty; James Young, continued for defendant; Arey Brown, aid and bet in larceny, continued; Morris Bozzeman, house breaking, continued.

Francis Lesh, killing dog, directed verdict of not guilty at end of state evidence; W. W. Justice,

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Brief News Flashes

CARRYING SUPPLIES

Midshipman John O'Daniel, of the Merchant Marine, is at home on a ten days leave. He has been on a merchant vessel carrying ammunition and various supplies to the invasion forces in France.

LITTLE DAUGHTER DIES

Judie Nell Dickerson, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dickerson, formerly of this county, now of Wilmington, died in a hospital in Wilmington Saturday morning. Burial services were held Monday at the Chapel Hill church cemetery, near Shallotte, Rev. Bert Bennett being in charge of the services.

ATTENDING COURT

W. B. Coleman, Chief of Police at Whiteville for the past seventeen years, is attending court here this week as a witness in a case. Chief Coleman is a native of Brunswick, having been born and raised near Ash in Waccamaw township.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

Revival services at Chapel Hill will begin Sunday, Sept. 19th and will continue for several days with services morning and evening. The morning services will be at 11:00 o'clock and the night services at 8:30.

Rev. H. B. Bennett, the pastor, will be assisted in the services by Rev. C. B. Horne of Roseboro. The general public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Former Director Goes To Position At Bowling Green

Was With Local USO Until It's Discontinuance Last Month

WILL LEAVE AFTER HIS VACATION ON THE 15TH

Has Been Active In YMAC Work For A Number Of Years

Josiah T. Gibson, who was USO-YMCA Director of the local USO club from September 1, 1943 to August 15, 1944, will at the completion of his vacation on September 15 report to Bowling Green, Virginia, where he will direct the USO Club there. The Bowling Green USO Club is in the A. P. Hill Maneuver Area, approximately forty miles north of Richmond. It is a joint agency operation with the National Jewish Welfare Board supplying one member and three other professionals supplied by the YMCA, including the director.

Gibson came to Southport from the large 2nd and Orange club in Wilmington. His service with USO constitutes three years of training and experience in USO clubs located at Ayer, Mass., Eatontown, New Jersey, Wilmington and Southport. A native Carolinian whose birthplace is Fort Mill, South Carolina, Gibson says he prefers working in Southern USO Clubs. He attended Clemson College and has spent considerable time in and around New York City furthering his education and training for the work he is now doing.

Gibson stated that many citi-

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Soil Conservation District Now Receiving Applications

Farmers Desiring Aid May Now Obtain Blanks Upon Which To Make Application For Needed Work And Advice

NEW CONSERVATIONIST STUDIED NEW METHODS

Four Counties In Conservation District, Each Has Conservationist

LeRoy Mintz, Soil Conservationist for Brunswick county in the Cape Fear Soil Conservation District spent last week traveling through the Piedmont area, studying the conservation practices which have been carried on there for the past several years.

Mintz's trip included a visit to the Black River District, at Rockingham. This is the oldest soil conservation district in the United States. There, as in other districts visited, untold good has been accomplished during the few years that the conservation set-up has been working.

Mr. Mintz stated Saturday that the Cape Fear District is now ready to receive applications from farmers and land owners for assistance in soil conservation. In the area which he visited last week, the program called mostly for terracing and strip planting of crops. In Brunswick the work will consist largely of drainage and advance in the planting of legumes and soil improvement crops. An application for assistance does not entail any obligation on either the party making it or the soil conservation district. Regular printed blanks may be obtained from the district office at Shallotte, from the County Agents and AAA office at Supply, and from Agricultural teachers in the schools of Brunswick.

As previously stated in this paper, the Cape Fear Soil Conservation District is composed of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus and Pender counties. The area covered is approximately 2,007,000 acres. Each county in the district has a soil conservationist.

The crop land of the four counties in the distrcit was utilized as follows, using the year 1942 for basic figures: Corn, 113,000 acres; Tobacco, 31,500 acres; Peanuts, 16,040 acres; cotton, 15,120 acres; Truck crops, including Sweet and Irish pottaoes, 15,290 acres; Oats, 6,210 acres.

Royal Air Force Visitors Here

Two Members of The Royal Air Force Are Visiting Southport For A Few Days

John Wright, of Southport, England, and Edward Evans, of Coventry, England, both flyers with the Royal Air Force, are visiting in Southport for several days. They are the guests of Mayor John Erickson, who is seeing to it that the English boys get a good impression of the United States.

This is the first trip to America for both of them and the oc-

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Local Man Saves Drowning Girl

Claude H. McCall, son of Mrs. W. F. Jones of Southport, is credited with the rescue of Miss Lila May Horne, of Wilmington, from drowning in the surf at Masonboro Sound last week. Zeb V. Fisher, Wilmington man in the same party, was drowned and his body had not been recovered according to latest accounts. Several young people were in swimming when the accident occured.

Rattler Bites Small Supply Girl

Three-Year Old Who Was Bitten On Hand And Elbow By Ground Rattles Is Said To Be Doing Well In Wilmington Hospital

The little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lewis, of Supply, was bitten on the hand and elbow by a ground rattlesnake last week. She was carried immediately to a hospital in Wilmington and last reports are to the effect that she will recover. The bite is said to have caused her to be very sick for a time.

The ground rattlers are about as deadly as the larger diamond backs and other species of rttlesnakes. In view of the fact that the little girl was bitten twice it is remarkable that she survived the time that elapsed after she was bitten and before reaching the hospital.

It appears that she found the snake, and her age preventing her from realizing the danger, she stopped to pick it up. The snake promptly struck, inflicting a wound in her hand. Before she could get out of the way it struck again, its fangs penetrating her elbow.

Prisoner Of War Writes Parents

Bolivia Boy Held By The Japanese Manages To Break Nearly Three Years Of Silence

About a month ago the Pilot mentioned the fact that Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harvell, of Bolivia, had received a letter from their son, Lassiter Harvell, who has been absent from home, serving in the Navy, for the past eight years. On December 6, 1941, he was taken a prisoner of war by the Japanese.

This week Mr. Harvell brought the letter to this office and consented that it be published. It was dated July 3, 1943 and was received the middle of August of this year. The parents think it was written on July of this year, that their son was mixed up in the date when he wrote.

Without corrections, none being needed, the letter is published in full below:

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Colored Church Raising Funds For New Organ

Efforts of the congregation of St. James A. M. E. church to secure funds for a new organ was climaxed last week with a contest sponsored by Ella Mitchell.

Galloway Warnett was crowned Queen, having reported $39.50; Elizabeth McKenzie Swain reported second with a fund of $25.50.

Mr. Fodale of the local shrimp industry contributed generously to the success of Mabel, she being his domestic employee. He also contributed liberally to Elizabeth's fund, she being an employee of his shrimp plant.

Other contestants who made splendid effort were Mary Moore with $21.25; Lois Davis with $16.10; Lula Mae Smith Davis, $13.91; Lenora Moore, $12.20; Irene Frink Horton, $7.00; Eleanor Swain, $2.50; and Josephine Green, $6.75.

Of the number of white friends present, Mrs. L. C. Fergus made some very complimentary remarks about the church and its membership. Mr. Yaskell, our Postmaster, also spoke words of commendation and encouragement in the drive.

To Attend The State Council

Mrs. Evans, President Of District, And Other Brunswick Ladies To Attend Meeting In Raleigh

Mrs. Odell Evans, President of the Home Demonstration District which is composed of Brunswick, Pender, New Hanover and Duplin counties, will attend the State Council Meeting in Raleigh next week, September 19-21 and will give the report on her district.

Mrs. W. A. Kopp, President of the Bolivia Club, will also attend the meeting as a delegate from Brunswick county. They will be accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Norfleet, Home Demonstration Agent.

Miss Norfleet's schedule for the week, beginning Thursday, is as follows:

Thursday, September 14—Mt. Pisgah Club, 2:30 p. m., Mrs. Len-

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Rhodes Family Has Reunion

Waccamaw Family Has Big Annual Reunion At Ash With Large Number Of Relatives There

Children and grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Rhodes, of Waccamaw township, met at the home of Mrs. Bessie Carlyle, of Ash, for the annual family reunion on Sunday, September 3rd. Many other relatives and friends of the family were also present.

The gathering was a very pleasant one. After both instrumental and vocal music at the nearby Mill Branch church a bounteous picnic dinner was served on the church grounds. This was greatly

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Brief Report By The Grand Jury

Body Finished Its Business And Was Discharged By Judge Stevens Shortly After Noon Tuesday

Following the precedent set at the spring term of Superior court, the Brunswick county grand jury returned a very short report to Judge Henry L. Stevens yesterday afternoon. The report is as follows:

We, the Grand Jury of the September, 1944 term of Superior Court of Brunswick County, convened in Southport, North Carolina on Monday, September 11, 1944, respectfully submit the following report;

We have examined the records of the following Justices of the Peace and found them in proper order.

Coy Formy Duval, M. B. Chinnis, L. H. Phelps, H. Foster Mintz, G. F. Ganey, A. W. Smith, and Elliott Tripp.

We have examined eight bills, have returned six true bills and two not true bills.

We wish to call to the attention of the Court certain recommendations made by this Jury at the January and May terms. Regarding improvements and repairs to schools, on investiagtion at this time we find no provision made for storing fire wood other than the class rooms at the following schools:

Leland Colored School
Navassa Colored School
Phoenix Colored School.
Northwest Colored School.

We also find 49 window lights out and two broken sashes in the gymnasium building at Leland white school.

We feel the above is important for the preservation of our public school buildings and should have immediate attention.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. WARD,
Foreman
LACY DAWKINS,
Secretary

Soil Building Practices Used

Report From State AAA Office In Raleigh Shows That Brunswick Farmers Carried Out Soil Building Practices

Farmers of Brunswick County carried out approved soil-building practices encouraged under the conservation program of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency on 78.5 percent of the county's crop land during 1943, according to a report received today by C. O. Bennett, chairman of the county AAA committee.

The report, forwarded to Mr. Bennett by the State AAA office at Raleigh, showed that percentage of the county's cropland in the program in 1943 was 1.5 percent below that in 1942, but was 25.3 percent greater than the average during the four years, 1936-1939.

Conservation practices carried out in this county under the AAA program shows that farmers realize the importance of preserving the productivity of their soil, "Mr. Bennett said. "The new records for total agricultural production farmers of this Nation have

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W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

This last week we got a year's subscription to be sent overseas to Sgt. Bonnie D. Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Phelps, of Supply. At the t ime it struck us that in addition to having the elder Mr. Phelps as a subscriber it seems we also had the paper going to several of his sons. Investigating the mailing list, this idea was found to be correct. In addition to taking the paper himself, Mr. Phelps has six sons who take it. They are: Albert Phelps, U. S. N.; Coolidge Phelps, U. S. N.; Audie Phelps, U. S. Army; Bennie Phelps, U. S. Army; Homer S. Phelps, who served in the Army but has recently been given a medical discharge and Delmas Phelps. Homer and Delmas both live at Supply, near the home of their father. A total of seven subscribers to the Pilot in one family seems to be a pretty good record. For all we know to the contrary Mr. and Mrs. Phelps may also have married daughters taking the paper, making more than seven subscribers in one family. Whether there are any married daughters or not, we can say that with the father and six sons all taking the paper, the Phelps' are the most subscribing family to their county paper.

During the past few years the matter of keeping church and community graveyards clean and in nice shape has probably been badly neglected. Harlie Gore of Ash stated this week that one such neglected burial spot is the old Griffin Graveyard at Union Chapel in Waccamaw township. This graveyard is a very old one.

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Brunswick County Schools To Open Monday Morning

Entering Doors At Night Led Straight To The Jail

Young White Man Was Front Door Caller All The Way From Mack's Cafe To Jail At Early Hour Sunday Morning

Under a warrant charging him with four specific acts of breaking and entering, William Plato Bennett, son of Ben and Mary Bennett of Kings Mountain, was lodged in jail here at an early hour Sunday morning. The warrants charged him with breaking and entering the cafe of W. G. MacGlamery, Watson's Pharmacy, Leggett's Drug Store and the service station of J. A. McNeil. He was captured at McNeils and $19.11 in small change and $23.00 in one dollar bills were found on his person.

The arrest was made by Chief of Police Otto Hickman, assisted by Ormond Leggett, Joe Wilmouth and Johnnie J. Hart of the Coast Guard, and Deputy Sheriff F. L. Lewis.

Bennett was a front door man all of the way. At Mack's he broke the glass in the front door, entered, and smashed the cash register, obtaining only a small amount of money. From the cafe he proceeded to Watson's Pharmacy, smashed the plate galss in the store and robbed a small cash register. With a hand axe he then endeavored to smash a larger and more costly cash register. failing this he crossed the street, smashed the plate glass at Leggett's, entered and robbed the cash register.

From there he continued up street to the McNeil filling station which he also entered through the front door. He had rifled the cash register of a small amount of money which had been left in it and was sitting on a soft drink box counting his loot when fate overtook him.

Mrs. Joe Wilmouth, an employee of Leggetts', lives about a block from the store and was awakened by the breaking glass.

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Shallotte Folks Planning Much Post-War Building

One Large Store And Office Building Definitely Assured Along With Many Small Building Projects

EXPRESSING NEED OF TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Folks Becoming Thoroughly Alert To Need Of Post-War Building Program And Rumors Indicate Much Is Being Planned

With the termination of the war or before, if building restrictions are lifted and material becomes available, Shallotte seems definitely set for substantial building construction and growth. It is a fine trading center in the middle of the best agricultural section of the county and the construction plans that are already being formulated by citizens of the town seems fully justified.

One already definite undertaking is the construction of a large and modern two story store and office building. In size and equipment this building will surpass any business building in the county, according to information. It will be of brick and steel with a slate roof. The site is already available.

Several individual stores and buildings are also being planned and in all cases substantial permanent construction appears to be in mind.

With nothing definite yet in mind, several of the leading citizens of the town are expressing the great need of a tobacco sales market. The need has existed for years and is becoming more apparent each season. It is more than probable that such a building or buildings will be included in the now rapidly growing plans for post war construction at Shallotte.

Until conditions change and they have assurance that they can go ahead, most of the men who are now planning post-war construction prefer that their names and definite plans not be mentioned. Despite these temporary restrictions it can very definitely he said that Shallotte is planning a lot of building when the war is over.

Little .22 Rifle Vs. Great Big Bear

The biggest killing of the season, considering the size of the weapon, occured near Supply thies past week. A bear had been making free with the corn and other crops of the Phelps boys and Warren Phelps took his little .22 rifle and went out to see what he could do about it.

He found the bear in a corn field, filling himself with nourishment against the coming of the winter. The shot from the .22 apparently caught the bear in a very vulnerable and painful spot as he started performing all sorts of antics. Young Phelps poured half a dozen more shots into him.

The result of engagement was one very dead bear, which weighed 400 pounds when dragged to the scales.

Brunswick Boy Is Complimented

Pilot Writes To Mother Of Leamon Lehue Expressing Confidence In Him

Mrs. L. U. Lehue of Shallotte received an interesting letter last week from the pilot of the B-24 on which her son, Leamon Lehue, is a top gunner. The pilot, Lt. Robert E. Elliot, was very complimentary in his remarks about the Brunswick County boy.

The letter follows:

"Dear Mrs. Lehue:

"I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. As you perhaps already know, I am the pilot of your son's airplane and crew. Becoming responsible for ten men and a hundred thousand dollars worth of machinery is a new experience for me and one which I might have found difficult had it not been for the fact

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Farmers May Get Essential Lumber

May Be Secured For Essential Maintenance And Repair Of Farm Service Buildings

Farmers of Brunswick County are entitled to rated orders for lumber if they use it for essential maintenance and epair of implements and farm service buildings.

A "Farmers' Lumber Certificate" is a rated order. A dealer who fills a farmer's oder supported by a certificate may extend the rating and place a "certified and rated" order with his supplier for replacement of his stock. During this time of lumber shortage, "the use of Farmers' Lumber Certificates is the only sure

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Waccamaw Man Proud Of His Rice

D. P. Andrews, Of Ash, Said To Have The Finest Acre Of Rice Ever Grown In Brunswick County

D. P. Andrews of Waccamaw Township stated Saturday that he has an acre of the finest rice ever grown in Brunswick county. He expects to get more than a thousand pounds to the acre, that being his usual production. Last year Mr. Andrews had four acres in rice and made a fine crop, but four acres was just a little too much for him.

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Shortage Of Teachers In Some Schools, Notably Southport And Waccamaw; Colored Schools Have Full Corps Of Teachers

BUS SITUATION BETTER THAN WAS LAST YEAR

County Supt. Of Schools Think There Will Not Be As Many Transportation Difficulties As During Last Session

All of the white and colored schools of Brunswick county will open next Monday, September 18th, according to the County Supt of Schools, Miss Annie Mae Woodside, who stated Monday that conditions were as good as could be expected.

There seems to be no teacher trouble among the colored schools all of them having a full corps of teachers.

With regard of to the white schools things were not so good the first of the week. The five big consolidated schools are short a total of approximately ten teachers, Southport and Waccamaw being the worst off in this respect. It is possible that the shortage of teachers may be made up this week. If things do not turn out this way the schools will open anyhow with substitutes serving until regular teachers can be obtained.

While the teacher shortage situation seems worse than last year, Miss Woodside stated that from her information conditions were better with regard to buses for transportation. She thinks thta the problem of moving the children to and from school will not present so much difficulty as last year.

In view of the fact that all schools in the State are opening two weeks later than usual, due to the infantile paralysis situation, and the teachers having to remain idle without pay during this time, the State School authorities have decided that all teachers are to be paid their first checks after two weeks of work. While this payment will only cover two weeks work it will go to the teachers at the time when they would be paid for a full month if the schools had been opened at the regular time.

Negroes Hurt In Recent Wreck

Driver Of Car Arrested On Drunken Driving Charge In Which Two Are Badly Hurt

Allegedly as a result of the driver, John Harlee, being drunk, a 1935 Dodge sedan crashed into the iron bridge at Sturgeon Creek, Friday night and was practically demolished. Harlee sustained head injuries and his companion, Louise Corbett, had

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Ration Pointers

CANNING SUGAR

Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations.

FUEL OIL

Period four and five fuel oil coupons good through September 30. During October unsed coupons may be exchanged at rationing boards for new 1944-'45 heating season coupons.

GASOLINE

A-11 coupons now valid for three gallons each through November 8.

MEATS AND FATS

Red A8 through Z8 and A5, B5, C5, D5,E5, F5, and G5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS

Blue A8 through L5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

SHOES

Airplane stamp No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

SUGAR

Sugar stamps No. 30, 31, 32, and 33 (Book 4) good for five pounds of sugar each indefinitely.

Rationing rules now require that every car owner wirte his license number and state in advance on all gasoline coupons in his possession.