

Result Of Suit Being Watched With Interest

Attorney General Harry McMullan Comes To Defense Of State Of California In Suit Brought By Federal Government

ES DANGEROUS PRECEDENT IN IT

North Carolina Official Tampering With Fishing And Oystering Rights If The Suit Is Lost

A suit is now in progress whereby the Federal government possibly gain control of all of the California land. This suit is apparently being brought by Attorney General McMullan of North Carolina who fears that North Carolina fishing and oystering industry may be effected if the Federal government wins in California.

Should the state lose its titles submerged and reclaimed lands California the same action may be taken against all coastal states. In North Carolina the title to such lands are based on 180-year-old claim for lands extending more than 4,000 miles of coast.

In Washington last week Mr. McMullan minutely traced the history of the State's claim to the lands in question to the original grant made by Charles II in 1663, and declared that "As one of the original 13 states which formed the Union and which formed the Constitution of the United States in 1789, this State is entitled during the entire existence of the Union up until the present time to the enjoyment and exercised sovereignty over the ownership of all of the extensive lands bounded by navigable waters and the water within its boundaries, extending the land on its coast-line out to a distance of one league."

Until the introduction of the successful Nye resolution in 1922 setting aside as reserves, oil and gas in the lands underneath the State and within three miles of the coast lines of the various states, it was declared, "There had never been in the history of the country the slightest question as to the ownership and sovereignty of the States with respect to the land beneath the sea."

McMullan pointed out that the oil or gas is known to be in any of the submerged lands of the State now, the inland waters have supplied a large volume of oysters important to the economic structure of the State and the annual crop in 1944, amounting to 752,268 bushels selling at an average of \$1 per bushel.

McMullan described also the extensive shrimp, clam, and crab industry of the State and further pointed out that there have been extensive construction of piers and docks in the various states and inland ports. McMullan warned of the dangers of the relationship between the States and the Federal government present in the litigation between California and the United States before the Supreme Court. He asserted that "State and Federal relations have always been

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Brief News Flashes

CHANGES SCHEDULE
Beginning Wednesday, February 20, the U. S. Navy recruiter will be in Southport every other Wednesday. His former schedule was for him to be here every Saturday. His hours at the postoffice will be from 9 o'clock in the morning to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

GOES TO SCHOOL

Miss Lucille Holden, of Supply, will leave of absence from her position as bookkeeper for Shalotte Trading Co. while attending Business College in Raleigh. Her place with the Shalotte firm is being filled by Miss Frances Frink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Frink.

RETURNING HOME

Sgt. Edward Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ed Taylor and the late Mrs. Taylor, of Southport, arrived in Washington port last week for several months. He reported that he is expected to reach home this week with an honorable discharge from the service.

Protected Pine Trees



FARMING—Above is shown a section of young pine trees on the Reigel Paper Company property in this county. A modern and progressive forestry program carried out by this company has brought about a marked change in the appearance of their forest area.

Reigel Paper Company Land Is Timber Farm

Bolivia Future Farmers Honored

Members of the Bolivia High School Future Farmers of America team recently won recognition at a Future Farmers Federation meeting held in Whiteville. Their award was received for winning first place in the parliamentary procedure contest. Not only did the Bolivia boys gain honor for their school, but as the only team from Brunswick they reflected credit upon their home county as well. Other competitors represented by the following club officers: Wilbur Earl Earp, president; Dorman Swain, vice-president; Tom Rabon, secretary; Bert Brown, treasurer; Louis Earl Burris, reporter; and J. M. King, teacher.

Twelve Cases Tried In Court

Numerous Cases Before Judge John B. Ward In Recorders Court Here On Monday; One Request For Jury Trial

The even dozen cases that came up for trial in Recorders court Monday required only a brief time for handling, and Judge John B. Ward and Solicitor J. W. Ruark had cleared the docket by noon. The minute book shows the following cases as having come up and the disposition made of each:

Leo Bracey, driving on highway on metal rim, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

J. F. Gore, reckless operation, defendant having made restitution to the plaintiff, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John Pickett Bartley, failure to stop at stop sign, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Robert Lee, breaking and entering, warrant amended to forcible trespass, defendant required to make restitution, pay costs and to be of good behavior for two years.

M. L. Mintz, cruelty to animals and damage to personal property, continued to February 18th.

D. E. Tripp, reckless operation and damage to property, continued to February 15th.

Frederick Baldwin, reckless operation, continued to February 25th.

John Dolphus Reaves, possession and transporting, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$75.00 and costs.

Hulon Flowers, improper lights, judgment suspended on payment (Continued on Page Four)

Judge Follows Up Report Made By Grand Jury

Judge John J. Burney Has Made Personal Contact With State Highway Department Regarding Dangerous Bridge

INVESTIGATION WAS REPORTED IN COURT

Total Of Thirteen Deaths At Jackies Creek Would Seem To Demand Some Early Remedy By Department

At the last term of Brunswick county Superior court the grand jury took note of the 13 deaths and the many other wrecks at Jackies Creek bridge on Route 17 in which serious injuries were suffered. The body made a strong recommendation to the Highway Commission that immediate action of some sort be taken to prevent wrecks on the present bridge pending the time when a new bridge could be built.

This last week Judge John J. Burney, resident jurist of this district, stated that he had conveyed the recommendation of the Grand Jury to the State Highway Commission. He added that he was glad that the commission had decided to do something about eliminating the "death trap," by constructing a wider bridge.

Nothing has as yet been done by the State Highway Commission to eliminate the danger at Jackies Creek bridge, but Chairman A. H. Graham has been quoted as saying that a contract for widening the bridge would be let in the near future. Meanwhile, Sgt. J. R. Smith from his office in Wilmington has issued a warning to motorists to be cautious when approaching this bridge.

One trouble with warnings is that the bridge is used daily by hundreds of motorists traveling North and South from distant (Continued on page three)

REA Superintendent Is Interested In Telephones

Businessman



George W. Warren, former Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, has purchased a one-half interest in the Braxton-Warren Electrical Supply Co. of Whiteville. He was stationed at Caswell Section Base at Southport for several months, and both he and Mrs. Warren are well known here.

E. D. Bishop, Superintendent Of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Much Interested In Tests

HOPES TO SEE SERVICE ADDED

High Costs Of Labor And Materials At Present Time Resulting In Slow Development Of New Lines

E. D. Bishop, of Shallotte, superintendent of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., is sort of disappointed at the slowness with which things are adjusting themselves to permit expansion of electric service throughout Brunswick and other counties in which the corporation operates.

While the corporation has the money for new projects, bids on right of way clearing, poles and material are all too high. Recently Dr. Bishop said that nothing but preparatory work could be done on any of the larger projects until the work could be done at a price within reason.

While waiting until extension becomes possible with the funds that are available for that purpose, the REA is doing everything possible with its own force of workers, repairing existing lines and facilities, making new connections and putting the whole present system in top shape.

A matter in which Dr. Bishop is much interested is the research that the Bell Telephone people have been carrying on for several years. Engineers for the telephone company, in cooperation with various REA units, have been working out a cooperative plan. It is now possible for users of REA power to have telephone service from the same lines that furnish their power. This calls for special telephone equipment and its manufacture has not reached the point where the general use may happen for a few years more. Eventually, every user of REA current will also have available facilities for as good telephone service as is found in the cities and towns, according to the REA official.

Raising Money For Fire Truck

Members Of Southport Volunteer Fire Department Are Soliciting Donations For The Purchase Of New Equipment

With at least two-thousand dollars needed for the purpose, of which a nice little nest egg of \$500.00 is already in hand as a result of various efforts in recent years, the Southport Volunteer Fire Company is starting out with the hope and determination of getting enough money for a badly needed fire truck. The old one has been in use since fire trucks first came into use and has served its day so far as efficiency is concerned.

Realizing the slow progress that will be made if they proceed along the same lines of raising funds as in the past, the boys are setting out on what they hope will be a quicker method of obtaining the needed money. They are asking for outright donations from property owners who realize the value of having protection against fires.

J. A. McNeil, local garageman, was first to respond to the request for donation. Chief of Police Otto Hickman reported this week that Mr. McNeil had come across with \$50.00 towards the new truck. If others do proportionately as well by the fire company, and do it as promptly, the city should soon have that needed truck.

Waccamaw Lady Died Tuesday

Mrs. Florence Winstead Died At Doshier Memorial Hospital Monday Following Extended Illness

Mrs. Eva Florence Winstead, a native of Florida, but long time resident of Waccamaw township, died in the hospital at Southport Monday afternoon, following a long illness.

The body was taken to Ash to the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Matthews, from where funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Woodrow Robbins in charge of the service. Burial will be in the Smith cemetery at Ash.

Surviving are one son, G. V. Winstead, three daughters, Mrs. Annis Lay Muckenfuss, Mrs. Miriam Sawyer, and Miss Jennie Winstead, all of Jacksonville, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. W. M. Matthews of Ash; an aunt, Mrs. W. J. Purvis of Ash, and three grandchildren. Also surviving are several half brothers and sisters.

RELEASED FROM DUTY

Murry B. Brown, MoM 2-c, in the Navy since November, 1942, received an honorable discharge on February 9th. His home is at Shallotte and he is understood to have returned there. Dexter W. Hughes, water tender, of Ash, also received an honorable discharge at Charleston at the same time with Brown.

Believe Strike Involving Steel Is Near Solution

White House Observers Believe Announcement To Be Made Soon; New Wage Policy Also To Be Announced, Say

LT. GEN. HOMMA WILL BE SHOT

Instigator Of Bataan Death March Convicted And Will Be Put To Death

WASHINGTON — Persons familiar with White House strategy said today that a strike ending the steel price boost is near announcement. With it, they said, will come a new wage-price policy placing Chester Bowles firmly in the driver's seat. One person said that, barring unexpected delays, the U. S. Steel corporation was to have received notice of the new price last night. He added his belief it would be high enough to permit an early settlement of the strike.

HOMMA TO BE SHOT

MANILA—Lt. Gen. Homma was sentenced today to be shot. He was convicted by a military tribunal of war atrocities charges, including the infamous Bataan Death March. Homma was moved immediately to the Luzon prisoner of war camp number one, where he joined his successor as supreme commander of the Philippines during the days of Jap conquest, Lt. Gen. Yamashita, and 10 other convicted war criminals.

Tax Listing Books Come In Monday

List-Takers Probably Will List Property During Balance Of This Week For Those Who Have Not Had This Done

Tax listing books will be brought in for the county commissioners in time for their meeting on Monday, February 18th, and the work was supposed to have been completed in the various townships last week. This week Tax Supervisor W. P. Jorgensen said that until the books were brought in the later part of this week or Monday, he thought that the tax listers would attend to the listing of the few who were unable to list during the specified time, and who went to the home of the listers for the purpose.

While he still lacks a check up, Mr. Jorgensen was very much pleased at the work done by the listers during January. He thinks they made a most complete coverage of all property in the county subject to listing.

The listers who have been working under Supervisor Jorgensen are as follows: Northwest township, M. B. Chinnis, Leland; Town Creek township, L. J. McKeithan, Bolivia; Smithville township, Mrs. Lillian Caison, Southport; Lockwoods Folly township, Herbert L. Holmes, Shallotte; Shallotte township, Mrs. Lucy Bennett, Shallotte, RFD.; Waccamaw township, D. Bert Edwards, Freeland.

Funeral Service For Mrs. Beck

Funeral Held Thursday For Prominent Winnabow Resident; Was Sister Of Late I. D. Harrelson

Mrs. A. M. Beck, sister of the late I. D. Harrelson and wife of A. M. Beck of Winnabow, died in a Wilmington hospital last Wednesday at the age of 79. She had been in bad health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday from Lebanon Baptist church and were in charge of Rev. Woodrow Robbins. Burial was in the cemetery at Lebanon. She is survived by her husband, four sons: L. A., Wilmington; A. W., Newport News, Va.; Z. V., Florence, S. C. and E. C., Raleigh.

Two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Davis, Greensboro and Mrs. H. R. Hinson, Wilmington. A sister, Mrs. Y. C. Rich, Wilmington. Ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive. Active pallbearers were I. S. Willetts, J. E. Swain, G. W. Swain, H. E. Simmons, Dewey Lewis and Charlie Sellers. Honorary pallbearers included M. B. Robbins, G. C. Earp, D. J. Ward, M. E. Robbins, George Hart and Mr. Meekins.

Brunswick Goes Over The Top

G. O. Rogers, Chairman Of The March Of Dimes Committee, Announced Monday That County Quota Was Exceeded

According to figures released this week by G. O. Rogers, chairman of the Brunswick County March of Dimes Committee, this county raised more than its quota of \$1,120.00 during the recent campaign.

Mrs. Muriel Davis Lennon reported collections totaling \$393.21 for the Southport area; Mrs. E. J. Prevatte reported \$28.50 from the March of Dimes dance; Principal J. T. Denning, of Waccamaw (Continued on page three)

Tobacco Plants To Brag About

Judge John B. Ward said Monday morning that he has a tobacco plant pulled from his seed bed and all wrapped up in readiness to bring with him to Southport to show how big it was. His hand-measurements indicated that it was two-inches high.

However, he had to come to town to bring one of his sons who was going to Fort Bragg for preinduction examination, and in the rush the plant was forgotten. The judge said he would pull another one and bring it next Monday. With another week of development that one should really be good.

Makes Business Trip To Raleigh

Harry Robinson, proprietor of Robinson's Wholesale Hardware and Equipment Company of Southport, left Monday for Raleigh where he will attend a three-day meeting of Zenith Radio dealers. It is understood that new models will be on display for their benefit.



Our ROVING Reporter

We intruded upon Lacy Dawkins, of Winnabow, and Mayor John Eriksen, as they were holding a caucus of some sort on the street here the other day. Inquiring as to what was going on, Lacy advised that the herring would soon be running at Town Creek and they were planning to take us up there for a herring feast. Now, at this season of the year or soon hereafter, Town Creek is the most famed fishing spot in Brunswick county. The herring run in that stream by the thousand and fishermen congregate in appropriate numbers. The herring runs on Town Creek are very much of an event.

D. T. Long is leaving Shallotte this week to make his home at Conway, S. C. Mr. Long leaves in accordance with the court order which gave him the alternative between that and having to serve a jail sentence, all growing out of the injudicious handling of firearms. In the news story regarding his conviction we unwittingly stated that during the five years he is to be absent from the county Mr. Long could visit his son once each year. To set the record straight, the judgment simply says that he must not reside in Brunswick county for a period of five years. The judgment imposes no limitations on his coming or going, but he must not stop within five miles of the town of Shallotte during the five years. In an interview with Mr. Long this week he did not complain, but merely thought it should be said that he could visit his son when he wished.

Cratie Arnold, of Southport, is building a new fishing boat. That is nothing out of the usual. Almost everywhere along water fronts in Brunswick people who cannot find a boat that they can buy are building or are having a boat built. Cratie's boat, which we understand is a 48-footer, is unusual in that it is being constructed by a man whom strangers might designate as being physically handicapped. Mr. Arnold's legs are both gone. Nevertheless he is as independent as fishermen come to be. He operates his own fishing boat and his catches are as big as any man. When it comes to constructing boats he is handy with tools, hands and brains. The boats that he builds are good ones, as can be proven by those in use.

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Two Candidates Added To List

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