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## Bolivia Girls And Leland Boys Winners In Tourney For County Championship

Favored Leland  
In Championship  
Contest Friday Night

Tournament Was  
Highly Successful

Southport Boys Lost To Leland  
In Thriller Friday Night  
As Teams Battled To Finish

Nerve-rattling contests Friday night brought to a close the Brunswick County High Basketball tournament, with Bolivia girls and Leland boys winning championship titles. The first part of the championship double header Bolivia beat a scrapping sextet Leland 26 to 23. Mercer points and McDowell with the victor's scoring, while Leland racked up 13 points for

Southport was unable to overcome the effects of a first half foul, but the local team played a whole of a game in the third and fourth quarters to threaten Leland up to the end in the boys game. Leland won 21 to 17. The score was 13—all with about three minutes left to play, and at that time Rourke, Leland star, flipped in two one-handed shots well out in the court to set the team's winning margin.

(Girls)	F.G.T.
(F)	2 0 2
(F)	
(F)	2 3 8
(F)	
(F)	3 5 13
(C)	
(C)	
(G)	
TOTAL	23

(Girls)	F.G.T.
(F)	0 5 10
(F)	1 4 9
(F)	0 1 2
(C)	1 2 5
(G)	
(G)	
(G)	
(G)	
TOTAL	26

(Boys)	F.G.T.
(F)	4 1 6
(F)	
(F)	1 0 1
(F)	1 0 1
(F)	
(C)	
(C)	0 2 4
(G)	
(G)	1 2 5
(G)	
(G)	
TOTAL	17

(Boys)	F.G.T.
(F)	
(F)	
(C)	
(C)	
(G)	2 4 10
(G)	
(G)	
(G)	
(G)	1 5 11
(G)	
TOTAL	21

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## Brief News Flashes

**END DINNER**  
The W. P. Jorgensen represented Brunswick county at the Jackson Day Dinner held Friday evening in Raleigh.

**NURSE**  
Mazelle Keith has joined the nursing staff of Doshier Memorial Hospital as operating nurse. She is the daughter of F. L. Lewis, of Southport.

**WAY MEETING**  
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## TWO CANDIDATES



**RUNNING**—On the left is Odell Williamson, Charlotte businessman and recently discharged serviceman, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for member of the House of Representatives. On the right is W. J. McLamb, former member of the House of Representatives, who is seeking the nomination for Judge of the Brunswick County Recorder's Court.

## Red Cross Quota Still Not Reached In County

Chairman R. I. Mintz Calls For Cooperation Of Citizens In Last Minute Drive To Attain Goal

## DRIVE WILL COME TO CLOSE THIS WEEK

Executive Secretary Of Brunswick County Chapter Reminds Citizens Of Services Rendered People

With Saturday the closing date for the Annual Red Cross Fund Drive for this county, Chairman R. I. Mintz reports that on the basis of incomplete reports that Brunswick has raised approximately 60-percent of its assigned quota.

Northwest, with an assigned quota of \$720.00, has reported collections totaling \$276.97, for a percentage of 38. Highest percentage for collections is in Smithville, where 92.5 percent of the \$1200.00 quota, or a total of \$1110.83, has been turned in. Lockwoods Folly has a record of 70-percent, with \$332.05 of a \$480.00 quota raised. The quota for Shallotte was set at \$400.00 with \$221.76 being raised for a percentage of 55. For Waccamaw township a total of \$134.26 has been reported as compared to a quota assignment of \$320.00, or 42-percent.

"If Brunswick county is to make a showing that we may all be proud of," said Chairman Mintz, "then some of our more substantial citizens must be appealed to this week for contributions. Many of them already have made their donation. Some have been generous in their donations. But I know that the good citizens of our county are going to be unwilling to see other places reaching and even passing their quota." (Continued on page three)

## Brunswick Men Enlist In Army

Several Men From This County Have Been Added To The List Of Recruits Secured Through Wilmington Station

Forty-seven men were accepted for the regular army during the past twelve days, it was announced this week by Lt. N. G. Cottle, Commanding Officer of the Wilmington Army Recruiting station. Most of these men were veterans who realized, after a short period of civilian life, that a job in the army was hard to beat. Lt. Cottle said the aspects of volunteering, which appeal most to the veterans were: The continuance of high pay scales, family allotments, retain their rank if they re-enlist within 90 days, and get as much as a 90-day furlough if re-enlisting within 20-days of discharge. (Continued on page three)

## Superior Court Convents Monday For Civil Cases

Trial Of Damage Suit Danford Vs Willetts Promises To Be Case Of Outstanding Interest At Session

## SHERIFF WILLETTS DEFENDANT IN CASE

Number Of Divorces Up For Trial Shows Trend In Securing Legal Separations In Court

Judge R. Hunt Parker will preside over a one-week term of civil court for the trial of civil cases convening here Monday. The next term of criminal court will be held during May.

Probably the most hotly contested case of the term is scheduled under court order to start on Tuesday, the second day of the term. This is an action for damages in the sum of \$10,000.00 instituted by Mrs. Ruby Danford of Bolivia, against Sheriff C. P. Willetts. It is alleged in the complaint that the defendant was driving his car in a careless and reckless manner on a road near Bolivia about a year ago. Passing the home of the Danfords, he ran his car over 9-year-old Jerry Danford, son of Mrs. Danford, inflicting serious injuries. Since the coroner is the only person with authority for the serving a warrant against the sheriff, papers in this case were served by Coroner W. E. Bell.

Eleven divorce cases are on the calendar for the opening day of court. This number of couples seeking separation led to a check-up on his books by Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett. The find-Continued on page 3

## Local Hospital Receives Gifts

During Past Year Doshier Memorial Hospital Has Had Much Valuable Equipment Added Through Donations

The new Simmons Deckert multi-position bed and beauty rest mattress donated to the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henry of Winnabow has arrived and will be placed in use in the room sponsored in the Eastern Star. This is the very latest in hospital beds and is similar to one donated about a year ago by R. C. Ferguson, of Wilmington, father of Dr. L. C. Ferguson.

During 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby donated a new Simmons innerspring mattress to the hospital, and the hospital auxiliary raised funds to purchase a dish washing machine. The auxiliary has also purchased a new gas machine for the operating room. The Red Cross Nurses Aids rendered wonderful service during last year. They also raised funds and bought curtains and rugs for several of the rooms. (Continued on page 3)

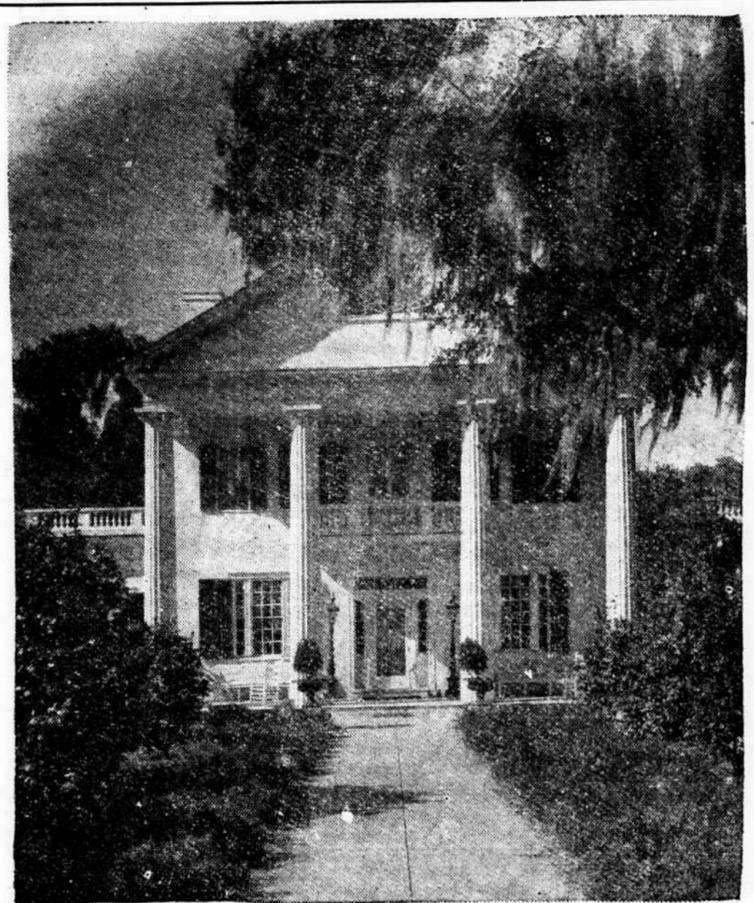


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One thing can be said about the 1946 high school basketball tournament: It gave a variety of good and bad playing, individually and collectively. The bad playing was expected as the teams have been on the court very little for the past several years. The good playing was more than was expected and therein lies hope for fine school teams during the next few years. We have the idea that Shallotte and Waccamaw schools can each put out a couple of the strongest teams next spring.

We rather glory in trying to represent all Brunswick county, not just the home town of Southport. If you think we are using this paragraph for special praise of the Southport girls, we are sure that all of you who saw how far they went in the tournament and who know how poorly they were as players in past years, will agree that they deserve praise. Southport has not had a girls team that could be

## SCENE OF BEAUTY



**BLOOMING**—Visitors to Orton Gardens during the next few days will find the grounds of the famous Cape Fear plantation at the height of their glory. Each year more and more visitors have been attracted by the great beauty of this Brunswick county beauty spot, and Orton now enjoys a nation-wide reputation.

## All-Star Team Is Chosen By Cage Official

All games of the Brunswick County High School Basketball Tournament were refereed by W. R. Lingle, principal of Jacksonville high school and coach of the Onslow county high school champions.

At the close of the tournament he consented to name an all-star team for both girls and boys. "This is a tough assignment," he explained. "I'm out there watching for infractions of the rules, and even though I have a close-up view of all that goes on, it is hard for me to name five players and say these are the best; or to pick six others and say that here are the top performers in the tournament. Another thing that makes it difficult is that the players are under a terrific pressure. Once in a while you will see a good steady boy or girl become the victim of busy fever and go far (Continued on page three)

## Governor Cherry Will Visit Orton Plantation

Welfare Officer Coming April 1

At the regular meeting of the Brunswick county Welfare Board here last week Charles E. White, of Hertford, was named superintendent of public welfare. He succeeds Mrs. Maude Phelps, who resigned several weeks ago.

The new welfare officer will begin work in this county on April 1.

A. P. Henry, the State's appointee, and O. P. Bellamy, appointee of the county commissioners, named George C. Swain as the third member of the Welfare Board. Mr. Swain will continue to serve as the chairman.

## Service Station Robbed Thursday

Jimmy Pemberton, Formerly Of Southport, Was Victim Of Hold-Up Men Who Visited His Place Early In Morning

Jimmy Pemberton, operator of the small but active filling station nearest the Brunswick River bridge on Routes 74 and 17, was held up and robbed by two masked men at an early hour Thursday morning.

## Winnabow Man Laid To Rest

A. M. Beck Died At Home Of His Daughter Last Wednesday; Was Widely Known Citizen Of The County

A. M. Beck, widely known throughout Brunswick county until a long period of failing health caused him to become less active, died in Wilmington at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. R. Hinson, last Wednesday afternoon. Until he went to live with his daughter some months ago his entire life had been spent in the Winnabow community.

## Election Board In Organization Meet Saturday

David Ross Again Elected Chairman, R. S. Milliken Named Secretary Of County Election Body

## NEW REGULATIONS ABOUT ABSENTEES

Application For Ballot Must Be Made In Person Or By Member Of Immediate Family This Year

The Board of Elections for Brunswick county met at the courthouse in Southport Saturday morning and after being duly qualified before Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett immediately went into session.

On motion of R. S. Milliken, seconded by L. C. Babson, it was ordered that David Ross be retained as chairman and R. S. Milliken, seconded by L. C. Babson, ordered an adjourned session to be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 2:00 p. m. at which time the business of alteration of precincts, the appointment of precinct officials and such other business as may come before the board will be attended to.

Chairman Ross is having prepared the application forms necessary for obtaining absentee ballots for servicemen for the Primary Election. He points out that the application must be made by the wife, husband, brother, sister, parent or child, and then only when the voter is registered on the primary registration book, or on the chairman's special absentee register used in the 1944 primary. The voter must be 21-years-of-age and must give his place of residence at the time of entering service. He must have been a resident of the State for one year and of the precinct for four months.

## Try Five Cases Before Recorder

Monday Saw A Light Session Before Judge John B. Ward In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Perhaps it is the present busy times reflecting itself in the behavior of Brunswick county people, at any rate the cases before Judge John B. Ward in Recorder's court Monday ran small. There were few cases and almost fewer spectators. The minute books shows the following business handled:

Lloyd Van Register, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

Lawrence E. Hall, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs.

Charlie Howard Goose, reckless operation, continued.

L. C. McGill, reckless operation, not guilty.

Leroy Rourke, refusing to accept treatment for tuberculosis, continued.

E. H. Ganey, reckless operation, not guilty.

## Shallotte Man Died Thursday

Reuben Hewett, Retired Farmer, Buried Saturday Afternoon At Chapel Hill Cemetery

Reuben Hewett, well-known retired farmer of the Shallotte section, died Thursday following a brief illness. Mr. Hewett was 78 years of age.

The funeral was held Saturday (Continued on Page 3)

## District Lions Visit Southport

Southport Club Was Host To Meeting On Thursday Evening In Local USO Club Building

The Southport Lions Club was host Thursday night to a district meeting of this organization at the USO Club here. Representatives were present from Whiteville, Burgaw, Leland and Wilmington.

## AZALEAS SHOULD BE BEST THIS WEEK

Weather Conditions During March Have Brought Gardens To Height Of Their Beauty Earlier This Year

Visiting the beautiful Orton Gardens Friday, Governor and Mrs. R. Gregg Cherry and several members of the state highway and public works commission will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt.

Highway Chairman and Mrs. A. H. Graham will be in the party. Other members of the commission who plan to attend are J. E. Bridger, of Bladenboro; John G. Clark, Greenville; John N. Hackney, Wilson; and Dr. Henry W. Jordan, of Cedar Falls.

The visitors are to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt at a barbecue dinner.

The visit of the State official party at this time is made in recognition of the fact that the nationally famed Orton azaleas will be in full bloom through the remainder of this week and the first few days of April.

During the past few days hundreds of visitors have visited the Orton gardens, which now present a riot of color. The azaleas have reached their peak earlier than usual this spring, due to the unusually mild weather during March.

## Much Interest In Judge Race

W. J. McLamb Has Announced His Candidacy For This Office; Ward And Purvis Mentioned As Possibilities

J. Worth Stanley, who last week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for judge of the Recorder's court, has at least one opponent, possibly two, as a result of this week's developments.

W. J. McLamb has made formal announcement of his intention to seek the nomination, and Monday (Continued on Page 3)