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Most of The News
All The Time

Grand Jury Is Still Pushing Bridge Notice

Members of That Body In
Report To Judge Parker
Last Week Called Atten-
tion To Fact That Noth-
ing Done At Jackies
Creek

ECOMMEND BIG DANGER SIGNS

Report Indicates General
Satisfaction With Condi-
tion Of County Institu-
tions And Offices

In their report submitted to
Judge R. Hunt Parker at the
conclusion of their deliberations
last week Members of the
Brunswick county grand jury re-
commended that large signs be
erected on either side of Jackie's
Creek, calling attention to the
danger of that crossing until cor-
rection can be made.

Following is the text of the
report made by this body:

"The Grand jury met as a
body (exception of two members
temporarily excused) and beg to sub-
mit the following report for ap-
proval. The Grand Jury also
oses to take this occasion to
express its feeling of apprecia-
tion for help rendered it by the
the solicitor, Clifton L. Moore.

The Grand Jury met and con-
cluded at this time. Routine busi-
ness was disposed of in the fol-
lowing manner. According to evi-
dence submitted the Grand Jury
was able to find eleven true bills,

none were found to be not true
and three were returned for fur-
ther investigation.

The Grand Jury also conduct-
ed an investigation of the Regis-
ter of Deeds and Clerk of Court's
Offices. In this investigation they
checked on guardians and magis-
trates. They found everything in
order. Listed below are the
names of magistrates filing: H.
Foster Mintz, M. B. Chinnis, El-
liott Tripp, G. F. Ganey, Coy
Sumphurin, A. H. Ganey, E. H.
Ganey and A. O. Smith.

The Grand Jury has had no
report as to whether or not its
recommendations as to needed
improvements at the county
school have been carried out, but
the Grand Jury feels that an
investigation is not necessary at
this time because all the schools
are on the verge of closing for
the term.

The Grand Jury is happy to
report that its reference to water
usage at the county home has
brought the attention of the pro-
perty authorities, but wishes to re-
commend that steps be taken to
provide for proper disposal of
sewage. The Grand Jury finds
nothing wrong in the case of in-
sutes and management of the
home.

The Grand Jury also reports
that the jail is in fair condition
and that the recommended re-
pairs for the tax office and court-
house are being attended to.

The Grand Jury on finding
that nothing has been done to
eliminate the hazards involved in
crossing through Jackie's Creek
(this was recommended
inquiry term), recommended that
stable signs of such proportions
be seen easily and clearly,
erected by and at a reason-

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Brief News Flashes

OLDAY TOMORROW
All offices in the Brunswick
county courthouse will remain
closed tomorrow (Thursday) in
observance of Memorial Day. The
Southport branch of the Waccamaw
& Trust Co. will also

REGION MEETING
There will be an important
meeting of the Brunswick County
at 194, American Legion, at
Community Building Thursday
night at 8 o'clock. Officers
serve during the coming year
will be elected at that time.

RETURNS TO SERVICE
Van Dawson Russ, young Bo-
nia and Carolina Beach man who
was discharged from the Navy in
November, has re-enlisted for six
years and has his old rating of
P. C. He is now at San Diego,
California, for three weeks train-

PREACH SUNDAY
Rev. Herbert Baker, who is
moving to Southport as pastor of
the Baptist church here, will fill
the pulpit Sunday at both the
morning and evening services.
Visitors of this community are
invited to attend and extend to

BELOVED COUPLE



ANNIVERSARY.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis, heads of one of Southport's most prominent families, observed the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding Sunday with every one of their five children present.

Murder Case Will Come Up For Trial About June 11th

**Removal Of Trial Of Leon
(Schooper) Gause From
Brunswick To New Hanover Will Cause Delay Of
About Three Weeks**

**COURT ADJOURNED
LAST WEDNESDAY**

**Numerous Other Cases Dis-
posed Of Before Judge
R. Hunt Parker During
First Three Days**

Before he left for his home at Burgaw at the conclusion of last week's term of Superior court, Solicitor Clifton Moore stated that he would call the case of State vs. Leon (Schooper) Gause during the second week of the New Hanover June term of court.

This second week begins on June 10 and the Gause case will probably be called on the 11th, according to the solicitor.

Mr. Moore was not in favor of moving the case from Brunswick to New Hanover county for trial, feeling that such action was unnecessary and that the interests of justice demanded a speedy trial. The transfer, however, delays action for a matter of only about three weeks.

Gause is charged with the murder of H. Jim Williamson, Shallotte farmer. Williamson was slain from a shotgun blast fired from outside his home through a window on the night of February 23. At the time he was engaged in shelling peanuts, and Mrs. Williamson who was seated a few feet away, was slightly injured by flying glass.

The following cases were dis-

posed of before the court:
John Kelly and R. O. Lewis,
not guilty of robbery.

David Lanier and Marie Latta,
not a true bill.

Clarence Chahoc, assault, not a
true bill.

Burris Bozeman, house breaking
and larceny, defendant now
being in the state prison at Newton,
detainer to be sent there for him. Bond set at \$750.00.

Floyd Hutchins, non-support,
was found guilty and heard his
road sentence suspended upon
agreement that he pay the sum
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Proposes That Navy Continue Use Of Caswell

**In Dispatch From Wash-
ington Last Week Congress-
man J. Bayard Clark Declared He Would Propose
Continued Use**

IN CONNECTION WITH CAMP DAVIS

**Believed That Coast Guard
Is Interested In Acquiring
Only Few Of Existing
Facilities At Section
Base**

According to a report from Washington last week Congressman J. Bayard Clark has started a movement to have Fort Caswell operated in connection with Camp Davis.

The dispatch said:

"The Navy used Fort Caswell during the recent war and has retained its hold on the area."

The location at the mouth of the Cape Fear river is considered the best in Southeastern North Carolina for the proposed base from a geographical standpoint. In addition to being under Naval control at the present time, it has plenty of deep water and, in nautical miles, is nearer the scene of the Navy's proposed operations than any other favorable site."

Apart from the above effort, as was indicated in a recent news story in this paper, the Norfolk Headquarters of the Coast Guard is seeking to obtain part of the base at Fort Caswell from the Navy. Officers were here from Norfolk last week with maps showing what the Coast Guard desires of the existing service points.

Instead of sending representatives to Shallotte on the 2nd and 4th Thursday as has been done in the past, representatives will now be sent to Supply on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. They will be located in the agriculture building between the hours of 1 p. m. and 4 p. m. All interested job seekers and employers are urged to contact them there at the above stated time.

Shallotte Lady Dies Thursday

**Mrs. Minnie O. Blanton,
Member Of Prominent
Brunswick County Fam-
ily, Buried Friday After-
noon**

Mrs. Minnie O. Blanton, member of a prominent Brunswick county family, died Wednesday at her home in Shallotte following a long period of illness.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon with Rev. Don Harrison in charge, assisted by Rev. H. B. Bennett and Rev. T. F. Johnson. Interment was in Chapel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Blanton is survived by her husband, P. M. Blanton; three daughters, Mrs. Rhoda Bellamy, Little River, S. C.; Mrs. Bernice Rou, Oscilla, Fla., and Miss Delma Blanton of the home. She is also survived by four sons, Odell, of Supply; Millard, Rupert and Billy, all of Shallotte.

Her mother, Mrs. Julia Long, Shallotte, and two sisters, Mrs.

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Good rains throughout the county over the week end found the State Geologist is planning to make an investigation of the Brunswick county crops, with few exceptions, in the best possible condition to benefit. Fields were nearly all well worked and free from grass. The last of May is finding Brunswick county crops in especially fine shape. The corn crop appears unusually good in both acreage and growth.

Clerks Cruise Causes Concern Here Last Week

Coast Guard boats went to sea last Wednesday looking for three Clerks of Superior court, and a Coast Guard plane from Elizabeth City also came down and scouted around for the missing boat and its passengers.

The way it all came about was that a party set out for some deep sea fishing that morning on the cabin cruiser belonging to Steve Worth, of Fayetteville. Various other boats were also going out, among them the craft of Capt. H. T. Bowmer, with a fishing party aboard.

Arrangements were for the cabin cruiser to follow the Bowmer boat to the fishing grounds in order to find a good location. Just outside the cruiser dropped behind and finally out of sight as a result of engine trouble. Captain Bowmer went on outside and fished awhile, meanwhile wondering what had become of the other party. It was very rough, his passengers had all developed seasickness and he brought them in, feeling anxious about

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Ash Resident Dies Suddenly

**Isaiah Hill Died Of Sudden
Heart Attack; Funeral
Services Held In Smith
Cemetery At Grave-Side**

Isiah Hill, life-long resident of Brunswick county, died at the home of his mother, at Ash, Sunday, May 19th. Death apparently was due to a heart attack and came suddenly. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Hill was a member of New Britain Baptist church. He had been married, but his wife had died about 22 years ago, and he remained single since.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Sarah Baines, one brother, Carson Hill, a half-brother, George W. Baines, of Ash; and two sisters, Francis Williamson of Little River, S. C. and Viola Marrs, of Roseboro.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave side in the Smith cemetery at Ash by the Rev. Vance Simmons.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

The State Geologist is planning to make an investigation of the brick clay deposits on the River Road, between Southport and Orton. At some points this clay lies a few feet beneath the surface of the ground. On Walden's Creek much of it is exposed. The Fort Caswell brick were made there years ago, the use of the yard being discontinued owing to

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Second Primary Race May Be Called Before Several Democratic Races Settled

CURTAIL OPERATIONS



REDUCED.—Oak Island Coast Guard Station has been placed in a care-taker status and will have only two men stationed there until present shortage in Coast Guard personnel has past.

Coast Guard Station At Oak Island In Care-Taker Status

**Local Lifeboat Station Will
Be Manned By Only Two-
Man Crew And Rescue
Work Will Be Discon-
tinued**

BELIEVED TO BE ONLY TEMPORARY

**Oak Island Has Long Been
Considered Strategic Sta-
tion; Others Along
Coast Also Cur-
tailed**

Word was received here yesterday that Oak Island Coast Guard station will immediately go into care-taker status with only two men remaining at this post.

This information was furnished by Chief Charles F. Brown, commanding officer of the Coast Guard group in this immediate area. He will be one of the men to remain at Oak Island. The other will be Chief Walter Lewis.

It is understood that this is in line with current policy with regard to operation of Coast Guard lifeboat stations along the Atlantic coast, and that there is not a single active station remaining in North Carolina.

Reasons for this action were declared to be based upon a shortage of personnel. With large numbers of Coast Guardsmen being discharged from service, officials are finding it necessary to call men from lifeboat stations and send them to other duty.

It is reported that this action probably is of a temporary nature, and it is believed that the local station will be restored to its operational status as quickly as possible.

Oak Island has long been regarded as a strategic station. Lately it has been operated with a very limited staff, but during the war its complement often ran as high as fifty or sixty men. It is estimated that it requires a crew of about ten men to handle the affairs of the station in good order.

The shift to care-taker status means that all rescue work will be at a standstill, as orders are for one man to remain at the station at all times.

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**Williamson For House, Bell
For Coroner, Lewis For
Commissioner, Only Dem-
ocrats Receiving Major-
ity Saturday**

**CLARK GIVEN BIG
LEAD OVER BRITT**

**Knox Receives Nomination
For Republican Sheriff
With Russ, Sellers and
King High Men For
Commissioner**

Upon the basis of primary election returns that were announced here yesterday, a second primary on June 22 becomes a strong possibility.

The only Democratic candidates to receive a clear majority were Odell Williamson, who defeated Edward H. Redwine for the nomination for house of representatives by a vote of 1043 to 979; Romeo Lewis, who led the commissioners race with 1123 votes; and W. E. Bell, who defeated John G. Caison 910 to 883 for nomination as coroner.

John G. White led a four-man field for the nomination for sheriff on the Democratic ticket. He had 873 votes, followed by Dillon L. Ganey with 842, O. W. Perry with 501 and Frankie Williams with 29.

W. J. McLamb was high man in a four-man race for Democratic nomination for Judge of Recorder's court with 905 votes. Jesse A. Purvis was next with 605; A. H. (Lonnie) Gainey polled 350 votes and J. Worth Stanley 304.

Lewis was the only candidate for county commissioner who managed to get a clear majority. Second high man was S. I. Mintz with 826 votes; followed by L. C. Tripp, 715; M. B. Dennis, 637; J. N. Sowell, 519; W. S. Wells, 477; Wrent Minto, 413; Otto Bellamy, 409; Peter Robinson, 319; Boyd Robinson, 272.

Henry Williams led the race for member of the board of education, receiving 913 votes to 672 for J. L. Stone and 391 for L. H. Reynolds.

Congressman J. Bayard Clark was given a comfortable majority over W. S. (Billy) Britt for the Democratic nomination from the 7th Congressional district. Brunswick county helped compile this lead by giving Clark 1306 votes to 890 for his opponent.

Chief interest among Republican candidates centered in the race for nomination for sheriff. Results of this contest gave C. W. Knox 359 votes to 305 for H. L. (Sinker) Willets.

Odell Blanton was nominated for coroner with a vote of 462 against 140 for Roseman Mooney.

High men in the race for commissioners for the Republicans were A. P. Russ, 473; R. H. Sellers, 432; and Bailey King, 362. I. N. Fulford had 221 votes; F. M. Norris, 212; and Thurman Skipper, 112.

Fourteen Cases Heard In Court

Monday Was Busy Day For