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Lewis Named Chairman Of Board Of Commissioners As Changes Take Place

J. Prevatte Appointed To Succeed J. W. Ruark As Solicitor Of Recorder's Court At $100.00 Per Month

INTZ IS NAMED COUNTY ATTORNEY

Succeeds S. B. Frink As County Attorney With Duties Of Tax Attorney Added At Same Salary

Immediately upon being sworn here Monday, newly elected members of the board of county commissioners met for a regular meeting, and R. O. Lewis was elected to serve as chairman for the body. Motion for his nomination was by M. B. Chinnis, seconded by S. I. Mintz. Mr. Mintz, a member of the present board with previous experience in this had served previously for years as chairman.

Upon motion of Chinnis, seconded by Mintz, E. J. Prevatte was appointed solicitor of the Brunswick county Recorder's Court, succeeding J. W. Ruark. Board set the salary for this at $100.00 per month, a reduction in the salary of this office amounting to $20.00.

Upon motion of Chinnis, seconded by Chairman Lewis, R. I. Mintz was appointed county attorney, succeeding S. B. Frink. The duties of County Attorney will include bringing tax suits and the salary for this office was set at $150.00 per month. Formerly the duties of County Tax Attorney were maintained separately, with the appointee working on a fee basis. E. J. Prevatte has held this position.

Listers for five of the six townships were named Monday. The pay will be $6.00 per day, with $3.50 for helpers. Listers include Mrs. Lillian Caison, Smithville; Cecil Hewette, Shallotte; E. Babson, Town Creek; Hubert Holmes, Lockwoods Folly; D. Clayton Stanley, Waccamaw. No listers was named for Northwest township, pending selection of a suitable official to serve in that section. Commissioner Chinnis was held that position for a number of years.

Other matters disposed of included placing Mattie Phelps in the county home; instructions from the board to R. C. St. George, custodian of county property, to have the necessary repairs made to the jail and to see the same properly supplied with bed clothing and blankets.

RETIRING COURT OFFICIALS

PARTNERS—John B. Ward, left, has relinquished the duties of Judge of the Brunswick County Recorder's Court following four years of service during which he gained an enviable reputation for the performance of his duties. Also retiring as a court official is J. W. Ruark, Southport attorney, who has been replaced as solicitor, a job which he held throughout the term of Judge Ward.

New County Officials Given Oath Of Office

New Officials Of County Government Sworn In By H. Foster Mintz, Magistrate, Of Bolivia

ALL NEW OFFICERS ARE DEMOCRATS

Two Out-Going Officials Were Republican, Including Sheriff And One Member Of Board Of Commissioners

Brunswick county officials to serve the next two years were sworn in Monday morning at the courthouse, the oath being given separately to all except the county commissioners by Magistrate Foster Mintz of Bolivia.

The commissioners were sworn in jointly, the oath being read to them as a body and each man answering individualy. Representative Odell Williamson, of Shallotte, was unable to be present and was the only official not to be sworn in at this time. It is understood he will take the oath later this week.

The officials who are to serve Brunswick county for the next two years are Stephen I. Mintz, of Town Creek township; M. B. Chinnis, of North West and R. O. Lewis, of Shallotte.

Sam T. Bennett was sworn in to succeed himself as Clerk of Court, as was Coroner W. E. Bell.

John White, of Shallotte, became the new sheriff Monday upon taking the oath and presenting his official bond.

W. J. McLamb, of Waccamaw township, took over the duties of Judge of the Recorder's court,

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Best Treatment For Buck Fever

Getting 3 fair shots at a 4-snag buck and suffering from buck fever to the extent that he made a clean miss each time, Walter Jackson, Greensboro hunter, fell a victim to the ire of his companions Friday.

Instead of merely divesting him of a part of his shirt tail, the companion hunters set-to and slashed up the entire garment, leaving him with nothing but his coat and his undies.

The hunters who exacted vengance were Chief of Police Otto Hickman, Tom and Elliot Hickman, of Southport, and P. A. Reeves, of Greensboro. They brought their victim into town and exhibited him, sans shirt, to a reporter for this newspaper.

Brief News Flashes

MEETING TO MEET

The Southport Lions Club will hold their regular meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock at the Community Club.

FANCYWORK SALE

The Woman's Division of the Methodist church will hold a fancywork sale on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Clarence Dixon station.

BUILDING RAILWAY

W. S. (Bill) Wells is building a substantial marine railway adjoining his shrimp buying house in Southport. He will use it for the repair of small boats.

NOW AT ROPER

Rev. C. H. Lewis, who served the Shallotte circuit of the Methodist church, has moved with his family to Roper, where he was sent by the recent Methodist conference.

WENT TO RICHMOND

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett and Attorney S. B. Frink went to Richmond last week, accompanying Chas. M. Gause, who went to have his eyes examined. It is understood that Mr. Gause will have to go to Fayetteville for an operation.

SMITH HOME BURNS

The two-story farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith, on the highway midway between Southport and Supply, was totally destroyed by fire Monday. The contents of the home are said to have been lost. It is not known if the family had any insurance.

Odell Bennett To West Coast

Receives Free Trip To California In Recognition Of His Work Of Obtaining Most Farm Bureau Members

Odell Bennett, young Waccamaw township farmer and president of the AAA in this county, left early Monday morning for Raleigh to join other delegates and is to leave at 6 o'clock Saturday night for Atlanta, Ga.

In Atlanta, joining a great mass of delegates from 20 or 30 states, special trains are to carry Mr. Bennett and his companions to San Francisco, California, to the National meeting of the Farm Federation. This meeting will extend through December 12 and Mr. Bennett and other delegates from this and adjoining states should be at home by about the 16th of December.

The expenses of the Brunswick delegate to the West Coast meeting is paid by the national organization in recognition of the fact that he obtained the great-

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Southport Man Helps In Tests

Army Conducting Experiments With Task Force Frigid Designed To Show Conditions In Extremely Cold Weather

Technical Sgt. Owen C. McKeithan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McKeithan of the Bethel church community, has been in the army eight or nine years and is now with the AGF Task Force "FRIGID" in Alaska.

From the Information Section of the Army it appears that Task Force FRIGID is being able to combine a lot of recreation with the business in hand, which is conducting tests from November through the month of March.

Among the sports is skiing, a really important pastime, as this is one of the few modes of travel open when snow has stopped ordinary means of travel. Combined with skiing and learning to ski, the boys have to acquire the art of dodging the other fellow, who is unable to dodge him.

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Near Serious Wreck Thursday

Automobile Completely Demolished When It Crashed Into Oil Tanker Near Bolivia Thursday Morning

With a nearly new passenger car damaged to the extent that it was sold to a garage for $100, a near fatal wreck occurred at 3:30 o'clock Thanksgiving morning on Route 17 at the McKeithan place, a mile west of Bolivia. In addition to the car an empty gasoline tanker, enroute to the terminal at Wilmington for a

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Basketball To Commence This Friday Evening

Opening Round Of Brunswick County High School Schedule Will Start With Two Double-Headers On Program

ALL TEAMS APPEAR TO BE STRONGER

Calibre Of Cage Play In County This Year Expected To Be At Level Of Pre-War Contests

The Brunswick county high school basketball season gets underway officially Friday night, with each team in the county scheduled to meet teams from the other schools twice during the schedule, on a home-and-home arrangement.

Indications from early season games are that basketball in Brunswick this year will be up to the pre-war standard, and every school will start the season a potential winner.

Last year the Leland boys and the Bolivia girls were champions in their respective brackets in the tournament that was held at Southport. Although the championship laurels usually are divided on the basis of tournament results, there is keen interest in the regular season games as partisan fans watch their favorites develop week after week.

In the opening round Friday night Shallotte will play at Waccamaw and Bolivia will visit Southport. Leland teams drew a bye.

One week later, on Friday, December 13, Waccamaw teams journey to Leland and the Southport aggregations go to Shallotte. Bolivia holds a bye for this round.

The next game is on Thursday, December 19, when Shallotte invades Bolivia and Leland comes to Southport. Waccamaw teams have a holiday on this date.

Following the Christmas holidays, on January 3, Bolivia goes to Waccamaw, Leland to Shallotte and Southport holds a bye.

The first-half of the schedule

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Tug Captains From Brunswick

Other Members Of Crews Of Tugs Handling Ships Coming In For Tie-Up Are From This County

Of the five big Maritime tugs in constant operation in connection with the Brunswick River lay-in basin in upper Town Creek township, two are in command of Southport and Brunswick county men. Arthur B. Weeks, of Southport, is in charge of one and Rudolph Fulcher, formerly of Southport, now living in Town Creek township, is in charge of another.

Both of these tugs, along with a third, are based at Southport, using the Army Engineers dock for their moorings. They meet all incoming ships headed for the basin at the Cape Fear Bar and carry them up the river to the basin, where two other Maritime tugs are based to take over with

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Southport Boy Accidentally Shot

Joe Cox, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cox, who live about two miles north of Southport, was accidently shot and seriously hurt on Thanksgiving day.

His brother, Frankie Cox was handling a 22-calibre rifle when the weapon was accidently discharged, the bullet striking Joe in the stomach. The injured boy, one of twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cox, is being treated in the Dosher Memorial hospital and it is understood his condition is satisfactory.

Farmers Urged To Go Out And Vote Saturday

Pointed Out That Evidence Of Healthy Interest In Farm Program May Have Much To Do With Continuation

POLING PLACES BEING LISTED

Farmers To Vote On Men To Serve As Community Committeemen And On County Committee Also

A final appeal to farmers to attend their local farm-program committeemen elections was issued Monday by Jackson B. Potter, Member of the Brunswick County Agricultural Conservation (AAA) Committee. The polls open at 9:00 a. m. and close at 6:00 p. m. Saturday, December 7. Farmers are urged to be at the polls at opening time and assist to nominate six for committeemen and three for delegates.

The voting places are as follows:

North West community, Maco; Leland community, Rourk's store; Town Creek community, Henry's store; Bolivia community, Cox's store; Southport community, county home; Antioch community, Ward's farm; Supply community, Blanton's store; Mt. Pisgah community, J. H. Royals store; Boone's Neck community, R. P. Robinson's store; Shallotte community, Coast Road warehouse; Gause Landing community, Vance Gore's store; Grissettown community, Grissett's store; Thomasboro community, Bennett's store; Friendship community, Thurston Mintz's store; Ash community, Simmon's store; Waccamaw community, Ernest Milligan's store;

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Judge McLamb In First Session

Four Cases On Docket Monday; One Nol Pros Taken, Three Other Matters Were Continued

Immediately following his being sworn in Monday, Judge W. J. McLamb held his first session of the Recorder's court, with Solicitor J. W. Ruark prosecuting and Sheriff John White serving as court officer.

The docket awaiting was a very limited one, with only four cases to be called. The minute

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W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

Making the rounds with the tax collector this past week, three days revealed that the State Highway Commission is really making an effort to put Brunswick county roads in better condition than they have been in but at various points large and well equipped road forces have been repairing the breaks caused by the summer and fall rains. The coming year should see the county getting right much of the paving to which it is entitled. In this connection this reporter believes that the considerable paved road mileage should be let on the basis of population to be served. The roads should be built with a view of allowing uninterrupted attendance of children at school, the regular delivery of mails and the serving of farm populations. Along with this consideration should be given those roads that promise to contribute to the economic development of the county.

Getting around to the roads seen last week: The Supply-Exum and Freeland roads had been, or were being, scraped up to afford excellent temporary condition. The same could be paid of the Ash to Grissettown road. From Thomasboro to Hickman's Cross Roads a large State Highway road building crew was resurfacing the three or four miles of paving. From Shallotte to Shallotte Point shoulders were being built on the recently paved stretch of road. Roads to Gause Beach and to Seaside had been scraped, but they were still something off of being in top condition for dirt roads. The River Road between Southport and the Brunswick River bridge has been worked all of the way. Residents on seven miles of this road have never been able to get mail service because of

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Shallotte Officials Place Ban On Fireworks Here

City Officials Anticipate Trouble With This Type Of Holiday Celebration And Limit Use

One young Southport boy was seriously injured by the careless handling of firearms on Thanksgiving day, and with the 1946 variety of fireworks said to be the most dangerous ever put on the market, it is feared that this Christmas will see many people injured, if not killed, by the careless handling of the explosives, especially in crowded places.

Anticipating the danger Mayor Leon Galloway and the Shallotte town officials have issued strict orders, banning the use of fireworks in Shallotte as far as the law will permit. Whether they are old or young, Christmas celebrants at Shallotte will have to confine their use of fireworks to their own premises if they wish to avoid arrest and the resulting fines.

It is understood that Southport town officials may issue similar orders banning the use of fireworks.

From interviews with officials at both places it was clearly indicated that there is no desire to take a high handed attitude. The officers simply realize the danger and plan to eliminate as many of the hazards to the public as possible. Where fireworks are used they must be used on private premises and not on streets and sidewalks.

Where Christmas celebrants feel that the use of fireworks is the only possible way in which to express their feelings the officials urge that they at least exerise care.

Federal Funds Are Made Available For Dredging

Government Dock May Not Be Used

The use of the Government dock at Southport for yachts and other privately owned vessels is out, according to a letter received this week from Col. B. C. Snow, U. S. Army District Engineer.

Col. Snow calls attention to the fact that the wharf is built and maintained by Federal funds and that its use by other than government craft is prohibited by law. This leaves the yachtsmen pretty much dependent on what Southport will do towards providing facilities for their craft.

Release Of Maintenance Funds Last Week Will Enable U. S. S. Dredge Hoffman To Commence Work On Bar

CREW OF DREDGE LARGELY FROM HERE

Fact That It Has Been Long Time Since Much Work Has Been Done On Bar May Lengthen Operation

With the releasing of dredging maintenance funds last week, the crew of the big hopper dredge Hoffman, now tied up at the engineer's yards on the Brunswick county side of the Cape Fear river at Wilmington, will return aboard this week.

According to members of the crew the vessel will be at Southport sometime early next week and will begin the work of dredging on the bar. The work may require two months, as very little has been done during the past several years.

Normally, the Comstock, predecessor of the Hoffman for operations in this district, spent about a month of each year working on the bar. The Hoffman, much larger than the Comstock, will be able to carry on operations faster. However, the several year's accummulation will also make the present clearance job larger than usual.

About twenty-five Southport and Brunswick county men, including Captain John G. Swan, are included in the crew of the Hoffman. The vessel, with three crews, will work around the clock, stopping Saturday mornings to come in to the engineers dock here to take on fuel and supplies and waiting over until midnight Sundays to go out and resume operations.

Farm Forester Helps Landowner

Farm Forester Walter W. Barnes Is Ready To Assist Farmers With Matter Of Marking And Marketing Timber

"With the fall logging season coming on, now is the time to get your Extension Farm Forester to go over your woodlot and help you plan your logging job," says Walter W. Barnes.

In recent years there has been a noticeable trend toward the cutting of woodlands on a "marked tree" basis, the Farm Forester says. This is a method of harvesting which only takes selected trees, instead of the old practice of selling and cutting on what they called "by the boundary."

"The marked tree harvest generally shows a much greater profit for the land owners," according to Farm Forester Barnes. "Most buyers or operators seem to like it too, once they got used to it. As a rule, it also leaves a good residual stand of trees on the ground to come along for the next harvest. Those operators who plan to remain in business in their present locality seem to like this good remaining stand idea as it means future supplies of trees for them.

Landowners are invited to get the Farm Forester to show them how to select trees to be marked for sale. It will be profitable to

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Veteran Beach Fisherman Busy

R. F. Swain Probably Holds Record For Fishing Most Consecutive Years At One Place On Coast

The Swain Fishery at the beach probably has one man who has been engaged in beach fishing at the same place for a longer period than any other beach fisherman in Brunswick. This is R. F. Swain, of the Antioch church community. Mr. Swain stated this week that for 49 years he had been farming in the spring and early summer and that a fixed job in connection with the farming operations was to move on over to the beach in the late summer and remain three months, weather permitting.

Mr. Swain is foreman of the fishery, a position he has always held. Usually he has from

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Committee Has Suggestions To Beautify City

Chairman of Civic Improvements Committee For Southport Lions Club Makes Full Report Of Activities Of Group

IMPROVEMENTS ALL POSSIBLE NOW

Care Taken By Committee Members To Avoid Suggestions Which Involve Expenditure Of Large Sums

D. J. Smith, Southport realator, chairman of the committee on civic improvements for the Southport Lions Club, has compiled the recommendations made by members of his committee and has made the text of this report available for publication. The complete report follows:

"The Civic Improvement Committee of the Lions Club of Southport has been meeting regularly each Monday and at the last meeting a trip was made through the town to view it as the tourist would see it in coming into the village and driving through the streets.

"Considerable trash, torn papers, unsightly piles of rubbish, broken down fences, piles of fire wood and uncut weeds were noticed and a good portion of these were found between the sidewalk and the lane of travel in the street, all of which detracts from the beauty of the city as seen from the tourist viewpoint.

"The following recommendations are made which we believe will help to make the town more attractive.

"1st: The citizens be asked to keep their garbage cans and trash recepticles off the street and in the rear of the house and only brought out on the days of trash removal.

"2nd: That garbage containers be of such size as to permit the garbage collector to easily handle them, in place of some of the heavy cans now used.

"3rd: Considerable complaint has been made about dogs turning over trash cans at night and the committee recommends. That people owning dogs be asked to make a check up of their dog and if it is found that their dog is doing the damage to remedy the matter.

"4th: That the business houses selling ice cream and soft drinks in paper containers be asked to install at their own expense metal containers to receive the used paper cups and to install these containers in front of their stores. This will greatly aid in keeping the paper off the street.

"5: That the city school authorities put on a program of using the children to make a general clean up of all trash, rubbish and paper on the school lots, city property and public park and other public grounds and to continue the practice at regular intervals.

"6th: That all citizens make a

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Book Covers For Sixth Graders

Department Of Conservation And Development Stresses Importance Of Forest Fire Protection

The Division of Forestry and Parks of the N. C. Department of Conservation & Development is now in the process of furnishing each sixth grade student of white and negro schools throughout the entire State with specially printed heavy manila book covers. This project jointly approved by officials of the State Education Department and Department of Conservation and Development has been planned to provide a practical item for protecting valuable text books and at the same time introduce to the minds of this younger generation the vastly important theme of Forest Fire Prevention and related practices.

The front face of the book covers is cleverly designed with a bear-like caricature, named Smokey, busily engaged in suppressing a Forest Fire and offering a reminder that "Little Trees Grow to Big Ones Through Fire Protection and Proper Harvesting." A space is also provided for the name of the student and title of book. The back of the covers is devoted to a table of four simple Safety Rules for preventing forest fires under a heading "Out door Manners" concluding

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New Residence On Berry Farm

S. L. Barnhill Will Serve As Manager For Blueberry Farm Near Southport; Has Moved Into Residence

A nice new residence and garage has recently been completed at the blueberry farm three miles out of Southport. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill have moved out there and Mr. Barnhill is actively engaged in seeing that as much of the land as possible is made ready for the blueberry planting in the spring.

The work of pulling up trees, stumps and plowing the land has been slowed down badly since the first of September by the continuous rains. Despite this handicap somewhere around 50 acres have been cleared and plowed, and as much more as possible will be gotten ready before planting time.

The berries will be planted in rows eight feet apart. An abundance of plants for the local operations are said to be ready at the Pender county blueberry farm of the same company.

Mr. Barnhill, a young man, was brought up on a blueberry farm and employed on the Pender county farm until he went into the army about five years ago. He served four years, two years of this time being spent in the Pacific. Upon his discharge he returned to the blueberry farming and was selected to manage the Southport branch of the farms.