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Salary Of Sheriff And Deputies Set Monday By Board Of Commissioners

Salary For Sheriff John G. White Set At $2,700 Per Year, With Provision For $700 Expense Allowance

THREE SALARIED DEPUTIES NAMED

Commissioners Also Drew Jury List For Service At The March Term Of Superior Court For Civil Cases

Members of the board of county commissioners in regular session here Monday voted to set the salary of Sheriff John G. White at $2,700.00 per year, with additional allowance of $700.00 annually for travel and other expenses within the county.

In addition to this provision for the salary for the sheriff's office a salary of $125.00 per month was provided for each of the deputies named by Sheriff White. The salary for four of the men is made retroactive to January 15. They are Dillon L. Frink, O. W. Perry, Martin Long and Ponnie Formy Dubois Leonard, who will assume the duties of office deputy with headquarters in Southport on April 1 will have his salary start at this time.

The following men were drawn for jury duty at the term of Superior court which convenes here March 31: M. A. Sullivan, Shallotte; J. C. Privette, Clyde Hewett, H. T. Ward, D. E. Long, Lennon Hewett, J. B. Ludlum, Bolivia; Bikien, Supply; H. V. Britt, Calvin Leonard, M. G. Parker, Leland; Smith, Eunice Varnum, J. Kirby, T. L. Tripp, Robert Ash; Ash: W. R. Register, Hewett, W. B. Grissett, Hewett, C. S. Milligan, B. Piggott, Shallotte; J. W. Woodus Mintz, Leland; Swan, Rifton E. Sellers, Supply; P. M. Cox, A. R. Bolivia; B. R. Bennett, Little, Freeland.

Other matters disposed of before the commissioners were of routine nature and included the following business:

C. S. Waters was relieved of $[illegible] in taxes due to double listing since 1938.

The taxes due on the property of Llewellyn Phillips land in Lockwoods township were ordered based on the basis of a valuation of $[illegible]00.00.

Annie Robinson was ordered relief of $300.00 valuation on a house due to error in listing.

The commissioners refused the request of Mrs. W. R. Hinson for reduction in taxes.

Members of the board addressed a resolution of application to Mr. McDonald, of Wilmington radio station WMFD, for the broadcast program in which Brunswick county was saluted by that station.

RONS Meeting Is Held In Southport

S. B. Frink was host Monday evening to a meeting of the Wilmington Chapter of Reserve Officers of the Naval Service at his home here in Southport. In addition to a number of local men formerly in the U. S. Naval Reserve and in the Coast Guard Reserve, there was a large delegation from Wilmington.

During the business session plans were discussed for expanding the membership of the organization, and there was considerable discussion as to methods for stimulating attendance at the regular meetings of the group.

All former officers in the Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps are eligible for membership.

PRESIDENT

J. W. RUARK, Southport attorney, who was elected Friday as president of the 8th District Bar Association. Dwight McEwen, also of Southport, was named secretary-treasurer of the organization.

AAA Committee Chairman Hands In Resignation

Odell Bennett Resigns Position As Head Of AAA Program After Serving As Chairman During The Past Five Years

ACCEPTS POSITION TEACHING VETERANS

Will Be Connected With Veteran Farm Training Program At Waccamaw High School In This County

Odell Bennett, of Exum, chairman of the Brunswick County AAA Committee for the past five years, has resigned his position in order to accept the post of teacher in the Veterans Farmer Training Program. He will work in Brunswick county with headquarters at Waccamaw high school.

Succeeding Mr. Bennett as AAA Chairman is Martin Bennett, of Shallotte township, who has been vice-chairman of the organization for the past several years and is well conversant with the duties that will go with the post of chairman. As vice-chairman, Mr. Bennett will be succeeded on the committee by Jackson B. Potter, of Winnabow, a member of the committee for some years. F. Herbert Swain, of Southport, first alternate member of the AAA board for some years, now becomes regular member.

In announcing his resignation as chairman, Mr. Bennett stated that we wished to express his appreciation for the cooperation given to him and his fellow members during his five years of service. He hopes for a continua-

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COUNTY CHAMPIONS

WINNERS—This is the Southport high school basketball squad, Brunswick County Champions by virtue of their victory two weeks ago in the annual county tournament held at Shallotte. From left to right, front row: Coach Watson, Mollycheck, Newton, Shannon, Stiller, Russ. Second row: Spencer, Swan, Swain, Bowmer, Brock, McDowell, Barber, Manager Newton.

13-Area Council To Stress Better Living On Farms

Awards Offered For County, Regional And Area Winners; Objectives Of Program Outlined

COUNTIES DIVIDED INTO TWO REGIONS

Program Carried On In Each County By County Council Composed Of Individuals Interested In Farming

A Brunswick county council designed to promote "Better Farming For Better Living" will be organized today (Wednesday), in the office of J. E. Dodson, county agent. The "Better Farming for Better Living" program has been adopted over a 13-county area and is designed to encourage farm families to use tested and tried practices and principles of farming.

The program is a contest on an annual basis promoted by both the State Extension services and the agricultural department of the Tide Water Power company. Five hundred and seventy-five dollars in awards have been offered thus far for those who enroll. Twenty-five dollars will be given to county winners, $75 to two regional winners and $100 to the 13-county area winner. Additional awards will be made available in most of the counties.

Objectives of the program are:

1. Emphasize well balanced or diversified farming.
2. Emphasize more efficiency in farming and home making.
3. Encourage self-sufficiency.
4. Give farmers recognition for accomplishments.
5. Promote a better working relationship between farmers, business men and others.

The 13-county area has been divided into two regions. One region is composed of Bladen, Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover and Pender Counties; and the other is made up of Carteret, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow and Pamlico Counties.

"Better Farming for Better Living" is carried on in each county by a county council. This council varies in number of members, but the membership is made up of representatives of bankers, newspaper men, business and professional men and members of farm bureaus, farm women's clubs, civic clubs, chambers of commerce, Agricultural Extension Service, Farm Home administration, Soil Conservation service, vocational agriculture, and others interested particularly in agriculture. It is the responsibility of each council to guide and direct the program within the county. A few of the objectives are:

Any farm family may enroll not later than April 15th with their county council. A project book is now just off the press which sets up recommendations. A series of questions are provided for the farm family to fill in. The answers will provide a means for scoring. There are six parts to the program as follows:

1. My Family Activities in Community Life—100 points.
2. Feeding My Family—300 points.
3. General Appearance and Efficiency of Farmstead and Home Making Practices—300 points.
4. Care of my land and Farm

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Brunswick Skipper Holds International Spotlight

Captain Rudy Grey And U. S. Liberty Ship Martin Behrman Figure Prominently In Dutch-Indonesian Row

DUTCH HOLDING VALUABLE CARGO

Refuse To Clear Vessel Until Dutch Authorities Have Given Export Permit For Removal From Java

Capt. Rudy Grey, his address given as Southport in Associated Press dispatches, a native of Lockwoods Folly township, has been figuring prominently in the maritime news during the past week. As skipper of the American Liberty ship Martin Behrman, the Brunswick man got caught in the undeclared war between the Dutch and Indonesians.

The ship arrived at Java Sunday morning under escort of a Dutch destroyer and with ten Dutch marines aboard. The vessel is alleged to have a valuable cargo aboard taken on at the Indonesian port of Cheribon and the Dutch say that it cannot sail for the United States until it receives a Dutch export permit.

Captain Grey, a brother of Mrs. W. E. Bellamy, of Supply, and with several other sisters and brothers in Lockwoods Folly township, has been in the Merchant Marine service for many years. He was Captain of the State Port of the North Carolina Line, running between Baltimore and Charleston, prior to the beginning of the war. He served through the war in charge of various Liberty ships.

February Was A Cold Month

Mark down February, 1947, as a cold month.

On 13 days during that period the thermometer was 32-degrees or below, according to official figures from the local U. S. Weather observer. February 9 was the coldest day, for on that morning the mercury dipped to the 15-degree mark, new low for this winter. The maximum reading for the month was 63-degrees.

The winds which brought in this siege of cold weather were from the southwest, west and northwest.

One other distinguishing char-acteristic about the February weather was that it was unusually dry, with only .98-inches rainfall being recorded during the month.

Important Deal Made Last Week

Wilmington Realty Company Purchases Valuable Building Site Near Brunswick River Bridge

J. F. Coleman, resident of the Brunswick River Bridge community, sold two acres of valuable business property to a Wilmington Real Estate firm last week. The deal is reported to have been made for one of the outstanding Wilmington business firms, which is said to be planning the erection of a large building for wholesale distribution.

With frontage on Routes 74 and 76, just above the junction of Route 17, the property also has a long frontage on the recently paved section of the River Road. It lies immediately across the River Road from the parking lot of the ship lay-in basin and is on a considerable elevation.

Inquiries made by this paper of officials of the Wilmington firm brought the information that they have no statement to make at present.

Rapidly filling up with new homes and new businesses, the

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Brief News Flashes

MEETING TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held Thursday at the Grimes Inn. A representative of the Southeastern North Carolina Lions Association is expected to attend this meeting.

ENLARGING BUILDING

Delmas Hewett, Shallotte business man, is placing material for the erection of a 35 x65 brick storage building alongside his present brick building.

NEW PRINCIPAL

A. C. Holloman assumed his duties as principal of Southport school Monday of this week. Paul W. Watson, former principal, left Sunday for Washington for assignment of duties with the Department of Justice.

BUS ARRIVAL DELAYED

The two new regulation type passengers buses, recently ordered by the W. B. & S. Bus Lines, Inc., will not arrive until April 15th, according to Hubert Stanton, local manager for the bus company.

STORM VICTIM LEAVES

The Night Witch, two masted schooner yacht, from Massachusetts was caught in a storm off Topsail Inlet last week. She was rescued by the Coast Guard and brought to Southport where she remained for two days before proceeding with Seattle, Washington, her ultimate destination.

Fiddlers Convene At Leland High

Hog And Husband Callers Vie With Musicians For Top Billing On Program Staged At Leland School Friday Night

The high school auditorium at Leland was turned into a madhouse of merriment Friday night when the Lions Club of that community staged its Annual Fiddlers Convention.

Following closely upon the heels of the musical program in the matter of popular appeal were the various specialties, which ranged from the hog calling contest to the pretty girl competition.

Leading off the musical program was the contest between the various quartets, with the Jacobs Sisters being declared winners by a narrow margin over the Leland Junior Quartet.

Edna Jacobs, 12-year-old member of the above vocal group, won first prize in the piano solo contest, closely followed by Betty Parker, 13-year-old pianist for the Leland Juniors.

R. H. Cauley, Sr., tightened his claim to the fiddling championship of Brunswick county by repeating his first place victory scored at Southport two weeks ago. Joe Reeves was adjudged the second best fiddler.

Tom Butler and his band also tightened their grip on the title of championship string band of the county by coming in first in this contest, just as they did two weeks ago here. R. H. Cauley,

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Engineering Firm Continues Plans

John J. Harte Co., Engineers-Architects, Working On Application For Funds For Community Planning For City

Writing this newspaper Saturday the John J. Harte Co., Engineers-Architects, of Atlanta, Ga., stated that the various departments of their organization are now working up the preliminary report. Application to the Federal Works Agency for Community Planning Funds is also being processed and it is expected to file these applications in a few days.

The above widely known engineering organization was last week authorized by the Southport city officials to go ahead, working on several different projects at Southport, including an

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School Buses Are Given O.K.

Inspection Of Transportation Equipment By Highway Patrolman Fails To Reveal Single Instance Of Operational Hazard

All of the Brunswick county school buses were inspected last week by the State Highway Patrol and passed the inspection as being in good condition for use. This is said to be the first time in several years that the school transportation facilities received the O. K. of the highway patrol.

A few minor defects were found, such as broken windows, etc. These did not constitute operating menances and it is understood that nothing whatever was found to justify any bus being ordered from service and to the shops. State highway Patrolman C. J. Ferguson made the inspection, but made his official report is not available.

Ernest Parker who is in charge of the school vehicle maintenance work, and his helpers at the shop in Shallotte are naturally very much pleased at the "O. K." report on all vehicles, especially since they had such a hard time keeping the buses in shape during war times when repair parts just could not be obtained.

Shotgun Blast Proves Fatal To Ben H. Justice

Little River, S. C. Man Sitting In Rocking Chair Reading When Mortally Wounded

TABOR CITY, March 3.—A shotgun blast snuffed out the life of Ben H. Justice, 69-year-old Little River, South Carolina farmer, shortly after noon Wednesday and officers of Horry county are still searching for the person who committed the sneak attack. Mr. Justice was well-known in Brunswick.

The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. Louelle Rourk and John

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Leburn Bessent, 15-year-old colored youth, is reported to have confessed today to Sheriff Charles E. Sasser, of Horry county, to the murder last Wednesday of Ben H. Justice. He said that he sneaked into the home of the aged man, stole his shotgun, then shot him through a window while he was seated in a chair. The youth said the shooting was a result of a dollar and one-half debt owed him by Mr. Justice.

Waccamaw Has Cage Contests

Home Demonstration Club Ladies Play Members Of High School Faculty And Win By Single Point

As much as basket ball has been played during the past two weeks, the high school boys and girls have not had a complete monopoly on the sport. Wednesday night of last week saw the Ash Home Demonstration club engaged in a lively tilt with the teachers of the Waccamaw school. This was followed by the Ash independent boys team, taking on

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Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Writing from her home at Parkton, Mrs. Rhoda McMillan expresses gratification that Brunswick county people are now beginning to see the possibilities of the county. She is a little disappointed in the paper in one thing, that being the fact that it carries so very little news relative to the Brunswick county beaches. She believes, and aptly points out, that the beeches in this county will be a powerful factor in development, a claim in which we heartily agree.

Henry Howard Eddy, acting director of the State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, writes us regarding the bad condition of the six historical markers on Routes 74 and 76 at the Brunswick River bridge. He hopes that in the near future remedial action can be taken towards restoring the lettering on these markers and also relocating them in a more suitable place. Mr. Eddy stated that they had been forced to entirely neglect the highway marker program for the past six years. For the past four months they have been trying in vain to secure a trained, competent worker to handle this and other historical marker projects.

Maybe going the fartherest—and certainly the fastest—is a copy of this paper leaving Southport each Thursday morning for Japan. A good many copies of the paper are sent to foreign countries in the regular mail. This one goes by air mail to W. A. Russ, Jr., Southport boy who has been with the fleet in Japan since Christmas. From letters to his aunt, Miss Eleanor Reese, it is learned that he gets his air mail copy in jig time and that it is better than letters he gets from home.

By way of Rev. A. L. Brown, of Beulahville, the paper is ad-

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Shallotte Officials To Change To 2-Year Term

Amendment In Charter Will Mean That Candidates This Year Will Run For Two Year Term In Office

CHANGES MADE IN FEES FOR FILING

Change Seen As Possible Improvement In That Officials Will Have Time To Start And Push Programs

As a result of a recent amendment in its charter the mayor and aldermen of Shallotte will be elected for two-year terms at the regular election time in May. Heretofore such officials had only a 12-months tenure of office. This brief period made it difficult to promote and carry out any definite plans for progress and development.

Heretofore candidates for mayor and aldermen have also had it very easy with regard to filing fees. Anybody could file for alderman if he had 50 cents with which to file. Candidates for Mayor only had to put up one buck. For this year's election the candidates for aldermen will have to come across with a filing fee of $1.00. Upping that considerably, the folks who aspire to be the town's first citizen will have to come across with $5.00 if they are to have their ambitions given any consideration by the voters.

The change from a one-year to a two-year term for the town officials is in line with other North Carolina cities, and makes it possible for them to set out and accomplish something.

Nice To Think You Are Warm

When Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink moved into their handsome new brick home January of last year everything was complete with the exception of a furnace for their central heating plant, so for the balance of the winter and during this past fall they were forced to rely largely upon their fireplace in the living room.

Tony, beautiful white setter who is the pet of the Frink household, soon discovered that a spot just in front of the hearth was easily the best place in the house for comfort, and usually he was planted there. Came the time when the furnace was installed and the fireplace was discontinued for the most part, and for a few days Tony was completely at a loss to pick a new spot.

After the lady of the house decided that a false fire-place setting, featuring a warm-looking electric glow, would add to the atmosphere of the living room, Tony is satisfied once more. Right back he goes to his same old stand each time the artificial open fire is switched on—and snoozes in the warm comfort of his imagination.

Former County Citizen Passes

E. C. Woodbury Died At His Home In New Bern Sunday Night; Was Former Member Of Board Of County Commissioners

E. C. Woodbury, long a prominent citizen of Brunswick county, died Sunday evening at his home in New Bern.

The deceased was a former member of the board of county commissioners for Brunswick county and was at the time of his death a member of the board of trustees for Dosher Memorial Hospital at Southport, an institution which he helped to build.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Chapel of the Yopp funeral home, Wilmington. The Rev. R. L. Jerome, pastor of Centenary Methodist church at New Bern, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Russell officiated and interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Odell Evans, Harlan McKeithan, Louie E. Woodbury, Horace Woodbury, James Cannon and Harold Bate.

Honorary: Wilbur McKeithan, Eugene Evans, L. A. Steth, Dr. C. H. Ashford, O. M. Roberts, Jr., Jesse Snow, J. L. Knox, Russell Wood, Sanford Doxey, W. A. McGirt, C. H. Dixon, Durwood Avant, A. L. Wagner, W. W. Miller, R. C. Lucas and Joe Ruark.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susie Cannon Woodbury of New Bern; three daughters, Mrs. Robert McDougal of Leland, Mrs. Robert McRary of Wilmington and Miss Mabel E. Woodbury of New Bern; two sons, E. C. Woodbury, Jr., and Cannon Woodbury, both of Wilmington; a sister, Miss Daisy Lee Woodbury of Wilmington; a brother, L. E. Woodbury, Sr., of Wilmington, and four grandchildren.

Shallotte Lions To Get Charter

Whiteville Lions Club To Assist In Charter Presentation For Second Time In Week

Charter night ceremonies for the Shallotte Lions Club, will be held at the Anchor Hotel at Shallotte Point Thursday night of this week. Lions Clubs from Whiteville, Southport, Lake Waccamaw, Leland and Wilmington will participate in the installation.

The Shallotte club was sponsored by the Whiteville club, as was the Lake Waccamaw club to which a charter was presented Monday night. A large delegation from the Whiteville club is expected to attend the Shallotte presentation which will be held at the Anchorage hotel at Shallotte point beginning at 7 o'clock.

Wilbur Dosher of Wilmington will act as master of ceremonies. Presentation of the charter will be made by Littlejohn Faulkner of Wilson, Lions district governor, while H. C. Stone, president of the Shallotte club, will receive it. The address will be made by James Rogers of Whiteville. Special music will be furnished by Miss Virginia Brooks and Fred Young. E. D. Bishop, manager of Brunswick Electric corporation, will make the address of welcome.

Officers of the Shallotte club are: H. C. Stone, president; E. H. Redwine, 1st vice president; Fred Mintz, 2nd vice president; Woodrow Russ, 3rd vice presi-

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Short Session Of Court Held

Six Cases Disposed Of Here Monday Before Noon By Judge W. J. McLamb And Solicitor J. W. Ruark

A short session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was held here Monday, with Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor J. W. Ruark disposing of six cases before noon. The following disposition was made of these matters:

William E. Pruett, drunk on or near highway, continued to March 17th.

Lawrence B. Clemmons, drunk on or near highway, continued to March 17th.

J. B. Simmons, no drivers license, adjudged to pay costs.

Joe Ann King, refuse to pay taxi fare and drunk on highway, sentenced to spend a year in the woman's penal institute at Raleigh.

Cecil Dixon, failure to deliver certificate of title, continued to March 10.

Coffie Southerland, public drunkenness, thirty days on the roads, suspended on payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs.