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Denning Heads County Schools For Two Years

Principal of Waccamaw
High School Elected Super-
intendent of Public In-
struction Monday Night

WILL SUCCEED
MISS WOODSIDE

Superintendent Is
Graduate Atlantic Chris-
tian College; Came
Here December,
1943

T. Denning, principal of
Waccamaw high school since Decem-
ber, 1943, was named Monday
night by the Brunswick county
board of education to fill the of-
fice of county superintendent of
schools for the next two years.

Denning succeeds Miss
May Woodside, who has
headed the office since she replaced
Miss Sentele in 1935.

The new superintendent is 35-
years old and a native of Wayne
county. A graduate of the A. C.
College at Wilson with an A. B.
degree, he has since taken ad-
vanced studies at both State and
University of North Carolina.

He began his teaching career at
Hill in 1935 and later be-
came principal of the Waccamaw
school as principal four
years ago.

Denning is married and
has one four-year old daughter.
Mrs. Denning is also a teacher.
The family plans to move to
Southport soon after the present
session of the Waccamaw school
board.

Denning is to take charge
of the office of superintendent on
the first of July.

Brief News Flashes

Dr. and Mrs. Landis G. Brown
returned home from a trip
to Chicago, where Dr. Brown has
just completed a short post grad-
uate course.

Henry (Buddy) Anderson,
young Leland man, has purchas-
ed a half interest in the C. A.
Montgomery store on Routes 74
and 17 at the Brunswick River
bridge.

Commander Harry L. Mintz, of
the Shallotte Legion Post, has
called an important meeting of
that organization for Friday night
at 8 o'clock at the Shallotte
high school.

Mrs. R. L. Thompson is chair-
man of the Baby Show which
will be sponsored later this
month by the Southport Woman's
Club. Details of this event will
be announced next week.

Thomas Fullwood, Jr., of
Southport, leaves this week to
repair his ship at San Pedro, Cali-
fornia. He has been in Japan
waiting for over a year and came
home for a visit to his parents
when his ship returned to the
United States.

L. C. Bland, of Longwood, sec-
retary of the Brunswick County
Republican Club, has announced
that the monthly meeting of the
club will be held Friday night
at L. C. Babson's store
at Freeland. The hour is 8 o'clock
and Mr. Bland states that all
Republicans are invited to come
and bring a friend.

E. D. Bishop, manager of the
Brunswick REA at Shallotte,
and W. A. Mintz, of Freeland,
director in the same organiza-
tion, returned home this week
from Spokane, Washington. They
went to the west coast city ten
days ago, making the trip going
back coming by air, as delegates
to the national Rural Electrical
Association meeting.

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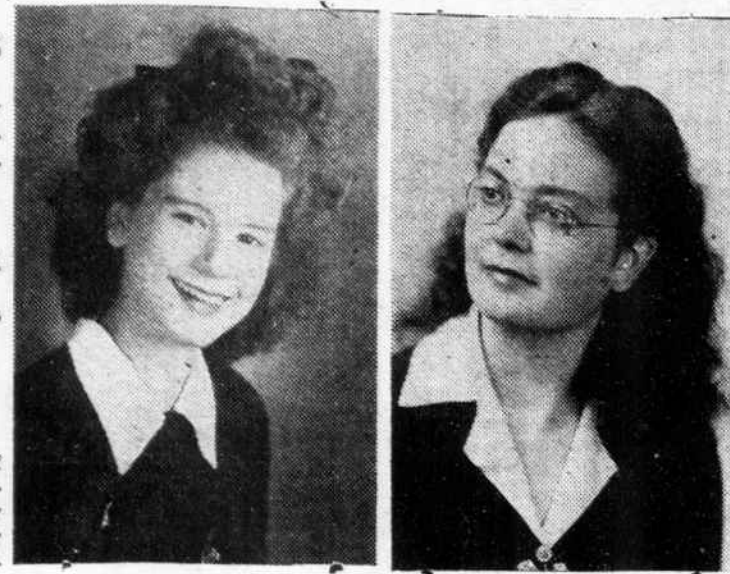
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BEAUTY CONTEST WINNERS



WINNERS—Miss Mary Milliken, left, won first prize in the recent beauty contest sponsored by the building committee of Shallotte Camp Methodist church. Mrs. Nellie I. Williamson, right, was runner-up in this spirited contest. Miss Milliken was sponsored by Williamson Motor Co.; Mrs. Williamson by Russ Furniture Co.

Farming On Plantations Along The River Road

Operations Connected With
Producing The Necessary
Plants For Orton Nursery
Make Big Business

GRAIN AND CATTLE
AT PLEASANT OAKS

Clarendon Plantation Is
Featuring Well Rounded
Program Of Farming
Under New Owner

With the blooming season just
past its peak at the beautiful Orton
Gardens, the most extensive
farming operations at any one
place in Brunswick county are
now in progress at the Orton
Nursery, as workers have started
what looks like a million new
camellias and azalea plants out
in the open air of the nursery
grounds.

In its new greenhouse, a big
steel and glass affair built last
summer, over a million flower
plants of various sorts were
started, and these are on their
way to the fields or more prop-
erly speaking, to the yards. When
the planting is completed Orton
will have more than a million
new plants growing, and it is
doubtful that any Brunswick
tobacco farm has to set out that
many tobacco plants.

Despite the fact that a few
people may think otherwise, grow-
ing flowers is strictly in the line
of farming. Seed must be planted
or cuttings. Seed out for a start in
pretty much the same manner as
is done on the farms. At Orton
it is mostly cuttings that require
the attention of the large number
of workers. Very few seeds are
planted, except in the area de-
voted to food and feed crops.

Around 150 people depend on
the varied interests of the Orton
Plantation in farming the year-
round. During the depression of
the 1930's not a single plantation
employee went on relief. It is a
tribute to farming in general that
the plantation saw them through.
A few miles further along the
river road a traveller finds more
in real farming, if he takes the
time to detour a mile from the
road to the Pleasant Oaks Plan-
tation. (Continued on page 2)

Miss Woodside Plans To Travel

Retiring County Superin-
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servations Booked For
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Announce Classes For Flower Show Here On May 16th

Annual Event Sponsored By
Southport Woman's Club
Already Creating Much
Interest Locally

USUAL SYSTEM IN
AWARDING PRIZES

Large List Of Classifications
Offers Variety Of Con-
tests In Which Entries
May Be Made

Plans are progressing for the
annual Flower Show sponsored by
the Southport Woman's Club to
be held here on May 16. Gen-
eral chairman for the affair is
Mrs. Helen Bragaw.

Classes as announced by Mrs.
Bragaw are very much the same
as in former years, and prizes
will be awarded on the same ba-
sis. The point system will be
used to determine the two grand
prize winners. First places will
count 5 points, second places
will count 3 points and third
places will count 1 point.

Classes and divisions are as
follows:
Class I—Perfection of bloom.
(a) Large flower, any variety;
(b) small flower, any variety.

Class II—Artistic arrange-
ment.
(a) Large living room; (b)
Small living room; (c) Dining
table, formal; (d) Dining table,
informal; (e) Mantel; (f) Bed
tray; (g) Seasonal; (h) Wild
flower; (i) Miniature; (j) Coffee
table; (k) Largest wild flower
collection; (l) Floor; 1, large, and
2, small; (m) Novelty; (n) Chil-
dren's miniature garden; (o)
Children's arrangement.

Class III—Potted Plants.
(a) Flowering; (b) non-flower-
ing.

Schooner Ready To Resume Trip

Beautiful Yacht Tied Up
Here For Several Days
While Repairs Are Made
Following Damage To
Rigging

The two-masted schooner
Vee Gee II, delayed here at
Southport for over three
weeks while a new jib boom
was being made and afterward
to await the arrival of a new
chain to replace a damaged
one, will clear for Marblehead,
Mass., this week.

The ship is a 109-footer with
a draft of 16½ feet. It is owned
by M. P. Johnson, Massachu-
setts business man, and is a trim
little pleasure vessel.
Commanded by Capt. Finley
Dunton, the Vee Gee II left
Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on De-
cember 19. She went to Bermu-
da, Nassau, Havana, back to Mi-
ami, Fla., Charleston and to
Southport, where she ran into
trouble when a tug dragged its
tow into the bowsprit or jib, as
the Vee Gee II was anchored in
the river.

In addition to the skipper, the
vessel carries a crew of eleven
men. According to some of the
officers, the damage, loss of
time, etc., runs to a good deal.
It is assumed that the tug own-
ers will be required to make
good the loss. The tug was own-
ed by the Wood Towing Com-
pany, of Norfolk.

Around at Clarendon Planta-
tion on the river road recently
Neil Thomas pointed out the lit-
tle island, a short distance from
the beautiful home, where he
killed eight big black ducks and
two crows at one shot three
years ago. In the winter time
the ducks swarm about the 300-
acre rice fields at Clarendon. The
crows fraternize with them more
or less. These two were mixing
with the ducks until they got it
in the neck.

Despite heavy hunting last
year there should be plenty of
deer found in the woods this fall.
Twice, on successive days and at
different spots we have seen
pairs of the animals by the road-
side. Inquiry of others who use
the highways frequently reveals
that it is not unusual for them
to see deer by the roadside.

Regardless of how people may
be rushed, with about everybody
intent on getting somewhere or
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Furpless Elected President Of Lions

At their annual election of of-
ficers the Southport Lions Club
named B. L. Furpless to serve
as president for the coming
year.

Other officers included D. C.
Herring, first vice-president; J.
W. Ruark, second vice-president;
D. J. Smith, secretary; W. P.
Jorgensen, treasurer; M. R. San-
ders, lion tamer; Dallas Piggott,
tail twister; C. G. Ruark and
Dan Harrelson, new members of
the board of directors.

Officer Slate For Legion Post

R. D. White, Jr., Nominated
To Serve As Commander
Of Shallotte Legion Post
During Coming Year

With the honor going to some
outstanding Senior of the Shall-
lotte high school, the Shallotte
Post No. 247 American Legion
will have a representative at
Boy's State this fall. The selec-
tion will be made at some meet-
ing in the near future.

The decision to send a boy to
this Institute of Government
training course was made at the
regular meeting of the Shallotte
Post Friday night. At the same
meeting the Post went on record
as unanimously endorsing Charles
M. Trott, of Southport, as Com-
mander of the 7th District.

The Post also went on record
requesting that veterans be given
first consideration with regard to
jobs of a local nature where they
qualify.

Harry L. Mintz, who has been
commander of the Shallotte Post
for the past year, was unanim-
ously nominated by the nominat-
ing committee to serve another
year. Mr. Mintz declined to ac-
cept the nomination and thank-
ed the committee for the honor.
On the second ballot R. D. White,
Jr., was unanimously nominated
as commander for the year. James
D. Bellamy was unanim-
ously nominated for adjutant.

Sees Improvement In Fire Program

State Forester Declares
That Better Facilities
Than Ever Will Be Made
Available For Brunswick
County

J. R. Spratt, North Carolina
State Forester in charge of fire
prevention work, spent Monday
here with the board of county
commissioners, discussing the
forest fire prevention program
for the current year. In an in-
terview Mr. Spratt stated that
this paper that the program
calls for a much more adequate
fire prevention system for the
future, this with no additional
cost to the county.

With an increasing nation-
wide consciousness on the part
of the public relative to the
value of conserving timber, espe-
cially in counties like Brun-
swick where a tremendous acre-
age goes to the growing of pine
trees, the State and National
governments are redoubling
their efforts at cooperation in
fire prevention.

Mr. Spratt stated that full de-
tails as to the program in
Brunswick county will be avail-
able to the press in a short
time.

Shallotte Man Tells Of History Of Whipping Post

Late J. H. White Told Family Of Incidents Which Hap-
pened During Court Sessions

Jimmy Stanley, of Shallotte,
comes out this week with some
additional information about
the old whipping post at the
rear of the Brunswick County
courthouse.

The Shallotte man, who is a
son of the late Judge J. A.
Stanley, of the Recorders
court, had the following com-
ment in a letter to this paper
this week:

"In regard to Southport's
famed whipping post, in real-
ity the Brunswick county whip-
ping post at Southport, I can
give you a little more informa-
tion.
"I was only nine years old
when my grandfather, J. H.
White, died 30 years ago at
the age of 76. I can recall
hearing him tell of seeing a
man whipped at this post. I
have seen the post and it is
exactly as my grandfather de-
scribed it.

"Many years ago a man was
convicted of stealing a horse
from a poor farmer. My
grandfather was a young man
then and was called to serve
as a juror at the trial. The
thief had kept the horse only
nine days before he was ar-
rested. Owing to circumstan-
ces not now recalled he was
sentenced to receive only nine

lashes at the post. Sheriff
Jack Butler was at the whip.

"My mother, who is getting
well along in years, remem-
bers hearing my grandfather
telling them around the fire-
side at night of the Civil War
he was in, and of the whipping
post at Southport and the men
he had seen whipped there. He
seldom, if ever, missed attend-
ing court.

"It seems that the whippings
were more to shame the crim-
inal than to hurt him. Imme-
diately after a man was
found guilty and sentenced to
the post, court recessed for a
few minutes so that everyone
could go and see the sentence
carried out.

"The culprit's shirt was re-
moved, his hands were tied or
handcuffed to the ring in the
post and the whip was lightly
applied. This over, he was un-
fastened, his shirt was restored
and he was told to scam, or
something equivalent to that.
Then everyone, except the
whipped man, went back to
the court room to hear the
next case.

"Yes, your old post in the
rear of the court house has
had plenty of history behind
it."

Report Of Activities Of Home Demonstration Clubs

Final Report On
Cancer Fund Drive

Mrs. M. M. Rosenbaum,
Brunswick county chairman of
the drive for funds for the
American Cancer Society, re-
ports that a sum of \$408.36 has
been reported to date, an amount
which almost doubles the
assigned quota of \$240.00.

Mrs. Rosenbaum says that
there may be some few volun-
teer workers who have failed
thus far to turn in their re-
port, and she urges that these
people get into touch with her
as soon as possible.

Following is a report of the
drive in each community:
Southport, \$130.; Supply,
\$43.75; Shallotte, \$84.40; Vil-
lage Point, \$20.25; Seaside \$2;
Bolivia, \$51.15; Winnabow,
\$13.50; Waccamaw school,
\$28.58; Leland school, \$15.73;
Shallotte school, \$19.

Commissioners In Session Monday

Matters Of Routine Busi-
ness Importance Disposed
Of Here By Board Of
County Commissioners On
Monday

Members of the board of coun-
ty commissioners disposed of
several routine business matters
at their regular meeting here
Monday.

The application of W. W. Har-
rill for a beer license was re-
fused.

W. P. Jorgensen was appoint-
ed to accept pre-payments on
the 1947 tax levy, and a tenta-
tive rate of \$1.60 was set by
the board.

Mrs. Opal Wilson was granted
permission to pay taxes due on
the R. L. Wilson estate for the
years 1931-32 on the basis of
the 1933 valuation. Upon pay-
ment by Mrs. Wilson of one-half
the taxes now due the commis-
sioners agreed to relieve of fur-
ther obligation the heirs of this
estate.

The following items were ap-
proved for inclusion in the new
county budget: .02c for aid to the
blind; .09c for old age assistance;
.05c for aid to dependent chil-
dren.

The commissioners approved
the request of the Leland school
district for a special election to
determine whether or not an ad-
valorem tax not exceeding 15c
may be levied.

The commissioners requested
the State Highway and Public
Works Commission to take over
the road leading from the S. A.
Potter place to the Old George-
town Road near the A. F. Reyn-
olds place.

The commissioners approved an
order for all county offices to
be closed for the day on Satur-
day, May 10.

Southport And Shallotte Name Same Mayors

No Opposition For Mayor
John D. Eriksen As He
Goes Back For His Sev-
enth Consecutive Term

GALLOWAY BACK
AT SHALLOTTE

Serious Opposition Is Offer-
ed In Shallotte Voting
With Roney Cheers, Jr.
His Opponent

John D. Eriksen was safely re-
turned to his post of Mayor of
Southport and Leon Galloway was
re-elected as head of the town
government at Shallotte in yester-
day's municipal election.

An unusual show of interest
marked balloting in Southport,
with a total of 141 votes being
cast for Mayor Eriksen. There
were no write-in candidates.

Only in the third ward was
there a write-in candidate for
alderman. Monroe Barnhill re-
ceived 2 votes. Hubert Livingston
had 48 votes and Lewis J. Har-
dee had 43 to score an easy vic-
tory. Dan Harrelson had 63 votes
and G. W. McGlamery 61 in the
first ward. Voting was lightest
in the second ward, where Davis
C. Herring received 28 votes and
Murley Hood 27.

At Shallotte Mayor Galloway
had serious opposition from
Roney Cheers, Jr., but managed
to win by a margin of 56 to 32.
The new board of aldermen will
be comprised of J. P. Russ, Hu-
bert Holmes, W. T. White, Rob
White and Ted Bennett. D. C.
Andrews and Bruce Hawes, mem-
bers of the old board, were not
candidates for reelection.

All successful candidates were
sworn in last night before
Magistrate Elliott Tripp. J. H.
Coleman was named for a two
years term as town marshal, and
also was sworn in.

Driver Is Freed Of Death Blame

Canadian Given Hearing By
Acting Coroner Caison
And Later By Recorder's
Court Judge

Roland Leonard, of Canada,
chauffeur of the car that was in-
volved in a fatal wreck on
Route 17 at Jackie's Creek two
weeks ago, was last week clear-
ed of blame by a coroner's jury
empaneled by Acting Coroner
John G. Caison. Following this
verdict another case, charging
reckless driving, was not pressed
here in Recorder's court Monday
morning.

Leonard and two ladies, Mrs.
Florida Plante and Miss Mary
Bellmore, both of Montreal,
Canada, were returning from
Florida. At the curve, four hun-
dred yards south of Jackie's
Creek, Leonard lost control of
the car when it skidded off the
pavement.

With the machine turning
over several times Mrs. Plante
received fatal injuries about the
head and died in the Wilmington
hospital shortly after being car-
ried there. Miss Bellmore was
also seriously injured about the
head. For a time her condition
was regarded as critical.

Young Navy Man Laid To Rest

Shallotte Youth Died Sat-
urday In Naval Hospital
In Brooklyn; Funeral
Services Yesterday

Lawrence C. Leonard, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leonard,
of the Shallotte Village Point
community, died early Saturday
morning in the Naval hospital, at
Brooklyn, New York. He had been
a patient there for some time,
suffering from a stomach trouble.

The deceased was 19-years old
and had been in the Navy nearly
two years. A graduate of the
Shallotte high school, he enlisted
in the Navy immediately after
his graduation. Popular in the
Shallotte section, the news of his
death came as a shock to relatives
and friends.

In addition to his parents he
is survived by two sisters, Elton
and Sheila Lee Leonard, and one
brother, W. C. Leonard, all of
Shallotte.

The remains were returned
from Brooklyn yesterday
morning and taken to the Gurganus
cemetery, where services were
held from the graveside at 4
o'clock, with Rev. W. J. Free
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**Our
ROVING
Reporter**

W. B. KEEHAN

Staging the event late to allow
the girls time to look their pret-
tiest (which they did), the Bol-
ivia high school girls' basketball
team, champions of the county
during the past season, were given
a supper here at Mack's Cafe
this past week. Johnny King and
Charley Rourk were hosts for
the event and the following mem-
bers of the team and guests were
present: Margie Phelps,
Mattie Mae Cunningham, Vernie
Willetts, Sammie Mercer, Louise
Gray, Kathleen Cason, Vivian
Gore, Doris Long, Emma Mc-
Dowell, Alberta Skipper, Linda
Mae Sullivan, Miss Catherine
Stone, the coach, and Miss
Gladys Danford, a guest.

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