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At the conclusion of his talk,

Clerks Of Court

Planning Visit

Half-dozen clerks of superior

court from as many up-state

counties are expected to gather

here next week with Clerk

Sam T. Bennett. They are

coming, firstly because Judge

R. Hunt Parker is to be here

holding court; secondly be-

cause they like Sam Bennett,

the Brunswick official; and

thirdly because they want to

here the Coast Guard spent

several hours looking for them

was stormy. It was finally dis-

Mother's Day Is

Observed Here

Special Services Conducted

Sunday Afternoon At 2:00

On Sunday, May 11, at 2

traditional manner. The church

was simply and beautifully de-

corated with a special altar set-

up to honor the Blessed Mother

The ceremony began by Father

Francis McCarthy leading the

procession into the church, fol-

lowed by Altar boys, carrying a

crucifix and lighted candles, and

The Statue of Mary was placed

the service. "For Catholics the

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Church In Southport

covered that their boat had

Last year when they were

discussion

Southport, N. C., Wednesday,

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#### Furpless Heads Overseas Relief Drive In County

local Theatre Manager Takes Charge Of Program Designed To Collect

COLLECTION DATES SET FOR MAY 18 - 25

Reverend Henry Ruark, Of Chapel Hill, Chairman Of Program For Entire State This Year

amuzu theatre, in Southport, hairman of the Overseas Reissisting Mr. Furpless on the

Southport rch: Mrs. Clayton Hickman, vterian church; Mrs. Frank St. Phillips Episco-Mrs. Paul Fodale, ed Heart Catholic church; McKeithan,

Vr. Furpless has revealed facts needs overseas which are of the drive for clothing, throughout he said, it will take me yet to restore the ecofor six years. textile mills destroyed. live driven away, oap has made, deterioration abrics worse than normal. Although Americans have given ously in the past for overrelief much of the clothing last year is now worn out 100,000,000 pieces which abroad from American s closets a vea. ago do when distributed

ng 150,000,000 people. County drive 18 through May 25, has a This Is Rated A Mixed "at least a pound a per-This means 18,000 from tire county. Mr. Furpless ed out that this sounds like ot but when reduced to the al donor does not work hmiship on anyone. For exple he said, a pair of men's was scheduled to preside at next s weighs over a pound, while week's term of Brunswick county winter suit or overcoat weighs Superior court, has exchanged ral pounds. However, the goal courts with Judge H. Hunt Parkdoes not parent anyone from giving 25 change will bring Judge Parker one one

Mr. Furpless is urging all and civil court. Musewives to combine their Clerk of Court Sam T. Benpring housecleaning with this nett says that about 35 criminal owt of mercy. Those old mili- cases are on the docket for trial ary uniforms, wedding clothes, next week. No murder cases are buy things, extra bedding, torn scheduled and only a few of the oths and a hundred other cases may be regarded as imliens can be sent abroad with portant. However, in view of the We assurance that they will end number of criminal matters, Mer days in an errand of mercy. practically the whole week will Mr. Furpless is asking the have to be devoted to criminal cipal of each school to make cases. uncement of the purposes of Eleven divorce cases are waithe drive, and is asking that the ing trial and most of them will tions from each com- probably be disposed of during mity be delivered at the school, spare moments in the criminal om which points they may be proceedings. Two civil trial cases tkel up. Persons living away and four cases on the motion tim the schools may place docket have also been set in miles of clothing on W. B. & view of the possibility that time Bases and they will be brought may permit of their being handlfree of charge. Bundles may ed during the week.

#### Brief News Flashes

Effective Monday. May 19, the st show each evening at the art at 6:30 o'clock.

EVIVAL MEETING

The spring revival meeting of May 18, with for and song service 7:30 ock followed by preaching at clock Rev. H. M. Baker, of port Baptist church, will do and costs, fine remitted.

preaching. Everybody is in-TO BUILD ROOMS B L Furpless has been named 26. mittee for Southport Presby- to May 26. man church with the objective taising money for the erection continued to May 26. Sunday school rooms. Conbuttons are being solicited from pass by children, nol prossed.

throughout this com-

### Stevens Speaks Before Wildlife Group Monday

Executive Secretary Of North Carolina Federation Of Wildlife Clubs Southport Visitor

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Federation of Wildlife Clubs, was the speaker at a meeting of the Brunswick County Wildlife Club here Monday night in the courthouse.

Stevens on the program, a business session was held, with the following officers being elected for the coming year: President, E. J. Prevatte; vice-president, Dillon L. Ganey; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Keziah, who was reelected to this post.

Mr. Stevens summarized s ben named Brunswick countion in bringing about the separa-Drive Committee. tion of the Game and Inland Fish-Henry Ruark, of Chapel ing Division from the old De-Benry Chairman for this partment of Conservation and Development. He said that victory in this matter was only an insting Mr. Fulpless on the dication of what can be accommittee in Southport will be accom-Annie May state any time they will coop-Baptist erate on any program.

He told the club members that Governor Cherry now has before him the names of 27 men from whom he will name the 9-man commission who will direct the affairs of the new set-up on fishing and hunting, and he urged all sportsmen to back them up to the limit.

any commitments as to what he the state. believes will be the final organization and policy of the new Mr. Stevens presided over a o'clock commission, Mr. Stevens stated round-table that ne felt sure that these men proved to be one of the most will desire to work in close valuable features of the program.

Exchange Of Terms With

ids Jurist Here

CROWDED DOCKET

Judge Clawson Williams

Will Bring Roanoke Rap-

OF CRIMINAL CASES

Criminal Cases

Term, But Prospect Is

Will Take Entire

Time

er, of Roanoke Rapids. The ex-

week's term of mixed criminal

Recorder Has

ficials

continued.

**Brief Session** 

John Goodman, cruelty to ani- choir.

Kier Cotton, manufacturing,

Fred Pigott, consent to tres-

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All Cases Disposed Of Be- the, little girls, carrying hand

fore Noon Monday By bouquets, as attendants to the

Judge W. J. McLamb May Queen and Maid of Honor

And Recorder's Court Of- who carried the Statue of Our

A short session of Brunswick or the special altar and was

ed on payment of a fine of \$5.00 the congregation the meaning of

Lester L. Smith, disposing of world by Jesus dying on the

Lady.

Judge Clawson Williams,

Judge R. Hunt Parker To



Throughout Morning Up in the school gymnasium Thurs-Until Noon; Judging day night, May 29th. While Doors Are Closed

SCHOOL CHILDREN

Climax Of Day Will Be Woman's Club Tea Starting At 4 O'clock In Afternoon

The annual flower show spon sored by members of the Southport Woman's Club will be held on Friday at the Community Building, with Mrs. Helen Bragaw serving as general chairman. Entries may be made during the morning from 10 o'clock to

12 o'clock, with club members who are on duty during that time allowed one extra hour for mak- E. R. Weeks And All Other ing their own entries. Judging will start at 1 o'clock and will be done while the doors

are still closed.

Children of Southport school will be given an opportunity to HERRING NAMED view the exhibits with their teachers, beginning at 2:30 each county, and he urged the tend the show at any other hour, continuation of strong, healthy it is requested that they do so While very careful not to make clubs throughout every section of in company with their parents.

The flower show will be open to the general public from 3:30 tended to the public to attend.

to this annual event, will be held that night. at 4 o'clock. Mrs. H. T. St. George, president of the club, torney and Dwight McEwen tax will be in charge of this attrac- attorney. E. R. Weeks was re-



In This County

The new temporary bridge across the Brunswick river, built officers Take to serve traffic on routes 17, 74 and 76, is now affording a safe and satisfactory two-way route around the scenes of the new

bridge-building activities. Traffic proceeds either way without a halt, but in the interest of safety both trucks and cars are required to slow down

outside on the ocean where it bridge. ture are not so great. The new molasses mash in this foray. bridge that is to replace the old Friday Deputy Perry, accomone will be on the same level and panied by Deputy V. B. Pierce, will be built of reinforced con- Constable C. L. Lynch of Northbrated Mother's Day in their but much shorter.

crete. Railings will have an in- west and Game Warden Charles side clearance of 37 feet, giving Skipper, made another raid this what is known as a four-lane time near the upper end of the bridge. An estimated ten months river road, in Town Creek town-O'clock At Sacred Heart will be required to complete the ship. This time they also took a Henry Thomas Lewis, Long structure. The new bridge across 100-gallon steam whiskey still Alligator Creek, a mile further and 300 gallons of mash. Not the east, will be under construction least of the haul was the taking o'clock the Catholic citizens of at the same time. It will be of of the alleged operators of the Southport and their friends cele- the same width and general type, still, Earl Goodman and Kier Calson, both of Wilmington.



He came to us. For all Catho- When a newspaper carries an item

Iman of the building fund Mable Gore, assault, continued Mother of Jesus, through whom give the names of the parents also. doing the whipping. lics Mary, the immaculate mother that "John Smith" visited his When he was asked about the mington, James Edward and the hold-up, they gave chase and hold an inquest into the death at of God, is the most truly beau- parents only one or two people fishing Saturday, our friend John Thurston of Leland; eight daugh- near Delco they overtook and the earliest possible moment, of God, is the most truly beau- parents only one or two people risining Saturday, our friend John ters, Mrs. Daughtry Heath of captured the car and men, dis-developments do not bring out

Still another person came up

Dance Benefit Identity Of Murderer Of Building Fund

Still adding to their building

fund towards the time when they Of This Week have enough money on hand to begin construction of their new hut, the Shallotte Post American Entries Will Be Received Legion is planning a big dance

Odell Williamson, chairman of the building committee, says that this is the first instance when a TO VISIT SHOW large scale dance has been staged at Shallotte on anything but a concrete floor. The permission to use the gymnasium for a dance as an aid to their construction plans, is very much appreciated by Mr. Williamson and the others of the building committee.

#### Aldermen Hold First Session Here Thursday

City Employees Are Reappointed By Members Of New Board At First Official Meeting

Other Organizational Details Completed

S. B. Frink was named city atappointed clerk for the City of Southport and all other regular city employees were re-appointed. In addition, Ed Daniels was engaged as a fourth engineer for the city power plant at a salary of \$130.00 per month. The salary of Hugh Spencer was raised to Two - Way Flow Of Traffic \$125.00 per month and Tom Hick-Being Routed Over Tent man, one of the engineers at the power plant was given a \$10.00 Brunswick River Bridge per month raise to bring his (Continued on Page Four)

### **Couple Stills**

Raid In Northwest Township Results In Capture Of Unit; Men And Equipment Taken In Town

Work of dismantling the old Deputy Sheriff O. W. Perry steel bridge began last week and and A.T.U. officers Plate and sneaked back in through a the plans of the highway com- Steptoes made a raid in the lowcreek and that they were all mission are understood to be to er Northwest section of Brunswick remove and re-erect it on some county, near Delco, last week. road where travel is not so heavy They captured a 100-gallon steam and the needs of a wide struc- whiskey still and 400 gallons of

## Reporter Last spring Clerk of Superior with something regarding the

theatre, Southport, will county Recorder's court was held crowned by the May Queen, who Court E. O. Falkner, of Vance whipping post on the court house sh at 7 o'clock except on Sat- here Monday, with Judge W. J. offered a prayer for all the county, spent a week here with square, this week. Calvin Weswhen the first show will McLamb and other court officials mothers of the world. Each child Sam T. Bennett, the Brunswick cott, of Southport, is kind of disposing of all cases before noon. then approached the altar to county clerk. Before returning doubtful of the post having been

heaven, and was given to the any idea of who he visited.

The following disposition was leave her gift of flowers and of- home Mr. Falkner subscribed to erected for use when it became fer a similar prayer. During this this paper and has since been a necssary to give somebody a Adam DeLoach, no operator's ceremony hymns in honor of the regular reader. He writes us he drubbing. Mr. Wescott's father May Neck Baptist church will license, required to pay costs.

Blessed Mother were sung by the expects to be down here again lived to way up in the ninties before the end of the month to and Calvin says he does not rebefore the end of the month to and Calvin says he does not remals, 30 days on roads, suspend- Father McCarthy explained to spend several days with friends. member ever hearing him say It is hoped that the friends who whipped. At the same time Calvin Herbert Stanley, non-support, ceremony is not one of worship send this paper news, especially says he remembers seeing two of a statue nor indeed of Mary," those who send in personal items, boys being given 20 lashes each. Earl Goodman, possession and he said. "Since Catholics worship will not mind the suggestion that This. whipping, he says, was manufacturing, continued to May only God. It is a gesture of love, when they are writing of someone given upstairs in the courtroom affection and devotion to the visiting their parents they should with the late Sheriff John Knox

at Shallotte Point, spoke very Marysville, California, Mrs. Al- covering later that instead of definite information that the truthfully and to the point when berta Robbins of Leland Mrs. speeders they had acumulated a killing was done outside of

#### Sgt. David J. Duvoll Is Still Cloaked In Mystery Former Postmaster Traces More History Of County

Former Postmaster W. R. Holmes, Of Shallotte, Recalls Use Of "Letter Stump" By Patrons

tress at that place. At the time of "Grasshopper." Seaside was known as Tubbs In-

when they reached their destina- in for people in the neighborhood.

Holmes, of Shallotte, an au- Route carriers of which there is thority on old post offices in any record were "Hominy" Brunswick county, says that a Brown, He was succeeded by a good many years ago there was man named Stevens, and Stevens a postoffice at Seaside named gave place to George "Grasshop-Walden. Mrs. Lue Gause appears per" Simmons. It is not known to have been the only postmis- how George got his middle name into the death of Sgt. David J.

A star mail route ran between four miles south of Shallotte lina officers and the FBI, and it Georgetown, S. C., and Wilming- there is said to be what remains appears that any break in the ton at the time, serving Waldon of the "Letter Stump." Forest case will have to come from and other postoffices along the fires have gotten most of it. Wilmington - Georgetown road. This "letter stump" was a rem-Only one trip was made each anent of turpentine days. Of was a rem-MAYOR PRO-TEM week by the carrier and that lightwood and with a hole cut a year and making his home near made it longer between mails lightwood and with a hole cut as while he continued in the Aldermen Are Assigned To Various Committees And Color of North Carolina told the Governor of North Carolina was be coaches and the interest of the continued in the service, was found shot to death a regular stopping place for stage in his car parked by the death of the coaches and the interest of the coaches and the coaches are coaches and the coaches and the coaches are coaches are coaches and the coaches are coaches and the coaches are coaches and the coaches are coaches are coaches and the coaches are coaches are coaches and the coaches are coac Route man. They never failed of the South Carolina line last The Wilmington - Georgetown to find the hole in the "letter Friday at noon. Star Route carriers were versa- stump" filled with letters await-Mayor John D. Eriksen and tile chaps. In addition to the ing their kindness of getting to 5:30 o'clock, and a members of the new board of mails they carried everything in them to Wilmington or Georgewhich cordial invitation has been ex- aldermen were given the oath of the way of country produce that town. In return the stage boys into the car as she was passing office at noon last Thursday, and they could accumulate along the and star route men always re-The Woman's Club tea, climax held their first regular meeting route, amounting to a good deal filled the letter stump with letand being sold at a good profit ters and things they had brought seen the car parked on the

#### Commencement Program Will Begin Here Sunday ties Coleman, Formyduval, Leonard, Tripp and Herring all con-

Shallotte Man **Brings Souvenirs** 

Brunswick county men who served in many theatres of operations during World War II brought home with them many souvenirs, and interesting among the more interesting items are a couple of pistols now in the possession of a Shallotte man

While serving in France, L. C. White acquired a pair of beautiful French dueling pistols, made in 1837. The guns wood and brass grips load at the muzzle with a ramrod carried under the barrels, and were fired with percusion caps and hammers like those on the old time muzzle-loading shotguns. The barrels are 7 inches long and the bore is the same as a 16-gauge shotgun.

#### Merchant Dies In Wilmington

A Respected Merchant Of Navassa, Dies Following Long Illness

ceeding his death. He was 54years of age.

At the time of his death Mr. Lewis was treasurer of the Le-land Lions Club, of which he was Armed Bandits a charter member. He was an elder in the Woodburn Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed in the Leland and Navassa communities.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Woodburn Presbyterian church, with Rev. J. D. Withrow in charge. Serving as Customers of the former given assurance that the FBI honorary pallbearers were: Mr. Charlie Hattem place near Na- would be called upon to make an

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Former Postmaster W. R. tions. Among these early Star However, Preponderance Of

Baccalaureate Sermon Will found that Duvoll had been shot

CLASS NIGHT TO BE HELD TUESDAY

District Solicitor Clifton Moore Will Deliver The Graduating Address Wednesday Evening

commencement exercises of Southport high school will begin Sunday morning, May 18, afterwards been placed in the with the baccalaureate sermon by car and the machine driven to the Dr. J. M. Wagget at 11 o'clock point where it was found. in the high school auditorium. Dr. Wagget, pastor of Southport of woman's clothing was found Presbyterian church, moved here under the body. Devoil had one recently. This is the first oc-casion on which the people of of his wife, who was divorced this community have had the from her first husband the first privilege of hearing Dr. Wagget of 1946. Mrs. Devoll advised ofin a union service, and a large ficers that her husband had left congregation is expected.

at 8 o'clock the Class of 1947 ing and that she had not seen will be in the form of a one-act Devoll's wallet in his left hip play, which will include the pocket, containing \$92.00. This There will be a woodland set- and strengthened the other-womting, arranged as for a picnic, an angle that was revealed by Friends of the school are invited the finding of garments under the especially the families and friends body. of the senior class.

Graduation exercises Wednes- the crime had been committed in and operator of the Navassa day evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock, South Carolina, the officers went Grocery company at Navassa for will formally close the school to Myrtle Beach and from varimore than thirty years, died in term. The address to the graduat- ous information suspicion centera Wilmington hospital Thursday. ing class will be by District ed upon a service man at the aira Wilmington hospital Thursday. Ing class will be by District port and his wife. The Bruns-He had suffered for some years Solicitor Clifton L. Moore, of wick officials questioned this with asthma and heart trouble, but was able to continue with his expected to receive diplomas, of months old baby. She is said to business until a few weeks pre- whom Louis Newton is saluta- have admitted being friends with torian and Ann McRackan vale- Devoll. Her husband was also dictorian. The public is invited. brought in for questioning, the

Customers Of Former Char- true. Monday Night

W. C. Mebane, Dr. R. T. Sin-vassa, were held up and divested investigation. It is understood clair, R. V. Williams, W. L. Pa- of their pocket books by two that the FBI is now working on den, Sr.; D. J. Ellers, McD. Jones, white men early Monday night. G. R. Ennis, E. A. Rusher and State Highway Patrolmen C. capped by state lines. W. Eugene Edwards; Active: J. Ferguson and R. E. Sherrill, Devoll's body was brought to James T. Paden, Mac Floyd who are nearly always on hand Southport and prepared for burial Jones, W. G. Adams, Sr., U. L. when anything happens in that at the Kilpatrick funeral home, Rourk, Bruce Russ and Joseph community, were patrolling later being taken to Wilmington Ganey. Surviving Mr. Lewis is his of the holdup when a car sped Ohio. wife Mrs. Margaret Reynolds by them, occupied by two men. Mr. Kilpatrick, who was name Lewis, three sons: Paul of Wil- Although they were unaware of ed acting coroner in the case, will

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Officers In Two States At Work On Case Seeking Slayer Of Soldier From Army Air Base At Myrtle

BODY DISCOVERED IN THIS COUNTY

Evidence Points To Possibility Of Murder Elsewhere

Investigations by Brunswick county sheriff and his officers of the Myrtle Beach Devoll, Adding to the picturesqueness Army Air Base, are now waitof these early mail days, about ing moves by the South Caro-South Carolina,

Devoll, married to a resident

The discovery of the body was made when Mrs. Adrian Long, a nearby resident, stopped to look on her way to a grocery store at Longwood. Several people had shoulder of the road earlier the morning, but no one stopped to look in or investigate. Esteen early as 7 o'clock.

Sheriff John White and Depuverged on the scene soon after the body was discovered. It was Be Delyivered Sunday Morning At 11 O'clock By Dr. J. M. Waggette through the left side of his chin and throat, apparently with a small gauge shotgun. The entire load, including the wadding, had emerged just back of the right ear and at the base of the skull. Subsequent investigation revealed several No. 6 shot lodged in the skin at the back of the head.

With only a small patch of blood on the seat of the car where his head rested and a few bloodstains about the door of the car on the outside, it was believed that the man had been killed elsewhere and that his body had

A baby's diaper and an article for his duties at the Army Air-On Tuesday evening, May 20, port early the preceeding mornwill observe class day. Exercises him since. The officers had found traditional features of class day, eliminated robbery as a motive Following up the belief that

airport officials warning him beforehand that under military law he did not have to answer He is said to have admitted Hold Up Place knowing the dead man and to have also made some statements that were later found to be un-

lie Hattem Place Near Unable to question him fully Navassa Held Up Early or to take any action, the local officers returned home after the commander at the airport had Customers of the former given assurance that the FBI the case. They will not be handi

# DIE CHANGED