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Annual Fall Fishing Rodeo Begins Monday With Prize List Totalling \$15,000.00

Southport Expected To Be Most Popular Base For Sportsmen Who Plan To Do Their Fishing Outside

Southport citizens are getting ready this week to do their part in handling the rush of sportsmen expected here during the 45-day period to participate in the Annual Fall Fishing Rodeo which is sponsored by the Eastern North Carolina Fishing Association.

It can be put in the book that Judge Henry L. Stevens, former National Commander of the American Legion, is a pretty lucky fisherman. Three times in three years he has gone fishing at Southport and each time he has caught what he rated as a record catch, so far as he was concerned. His first trip out netted him 99 trout and 15 bluefish, all of large size. On his second run he elected to surf cast for drum on Bald Head Island. There he got a 36-pounder and some smaller fish. This week, with his son, Henry L. Jr., Solicitor Clifton Moore, E. J. Prevatte, Davis Herring and Sam Bennett, the Judge elected to go for bluefish and mackerel. They returned to port after spending less than half the time

September Term Of Civil Court Convenes Monday

Judge Henry L. Stevens Will Be Back To Preside Over His Second Session Here This Month

WOMAN JURORS MAY SEE SERVICE Numerous Matters Of Litigation Indicate That Term May Extend Throughout Most Of Week

A one week term of Superior Court for trial or civil cases will convene here Monday, September 15. Judge Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, will preside by virtue of the exchange of courts recently entered into between him and Judge Leo Carr, of Bushington. Several important cases are to come up Monday and 14 divorce cases are also listed on the docket to be heard that day. The docket extends through Thursday, but from the nature of some of the cases scheduled during the week it is hardly thought possible that the work can be finished before Friday afternoon. Including the divorce cases and motions listed, a total of 39 matters of litigation are supposed to be disposed of during the week. As during last week's term of criminal court when two women, Mrs. F. Molycheck and Mrs. Glenn Frazier, both of Southport, qualified to serve on the jury, there is a possibility of two women jurors serving at the civil term. Mrs. C. B. Kirby, of Supply, and Mrs. Bridger Sabatton, of Shallotte, are on the list called for next week. The full list of jurors for next week is as follows: J. Dallas McKeithan, H. W. Paden, Walker Bryant Hewett, Mrs. C. B. Kirby, O. T. Hewett, F. D. Inman, Kirby Reaves, Paul Brown, W. L. Russ, Jr., Geo. F. Goley, W. F. Jones, J. E. Kirby, A. G. Tunnell, B. E. White, Q. M. Potter, Talmadge King, Grant Russ, Harlee Kirby, Homer Holden, S. B. Benton, J. D. Lewis, G. W. Carlisle, Jessie Brown, Marvin Johnson, G. F. Carroll and George B. Ward.

Brief News Flashes

EMPLOYEE Betty Fisher has accepted a job as soda clerk at Watson Pharmacy.

LONE RAID Deputy Sheriff Pawanee Formy did some lone-wolf stalking in the Waccamaw river in Waccamaw township Friday. He caught in a 100-gallon still and waiting ready to be run through the outfit.

TRAINING Dorothy Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Price, of Southport, has been accepted for admission to the Florida School of Nursing, Jacksonville, Fla., where classes begin on September 1. Miss Price is a member of the 1947 graduating class at Southport high school.

NEW SCHOOL Building work on the new school building for colored children at Longwood is now being pushed forward rapidly. It was announced from the office of the superintendent this week that the building will be ready for the first of October. Pending the completion of the work, school is being held in an old building at Longwood had become dilapidated that it was torn

Terminal Leave Bonds Cashed

Southport Branch Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. Has Been Busy Taking Care Of This Service This Week

Through Monday, which completed a full week or six days of banking business, since the bonds became negotiable, the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company paid out \$30,000.00 on terminal leave bonds. The cashing of these bonds began Tuesday of last week. Cashier Prince O'Brien stated yesterday that the number of these terminal leave bonds being presented for redemption has fallen off rapidly since the first day.

Grand Jury In Lengthy Report Here Last Week

Grand Jury Passed Upon Eighteen Bills Of Indictment, With Fifteen True Bills Being Reported To Court

THREE PRESENTMENTS MADE TO GRAND JURY Study Made Of Conditions Of County Buildings And Schools In Various Parts Of The County

At the conclusion of their session here last week members of the Brunswick county grand jury, of which Norman C. Bellamy was the chairman, submitted the following report: "State of North Carolina "County of Brunswick "September Term, 1947 "Superior Court "To The Honorable Henry L. Stevens, Jr., Judge Presiding: "The Grand Jury was glad to serve under Judge Stevens, it being their opinion that he is one of the most able judges in this circuit. We, as a body, wish to express our appreciation for services rendered us by our able solicitor, Clifton L. Moore. "The Grand Jury was in session three days, during which time it passed on 18 bills of indictment. Fifteen were found to be true bills and three returned as untrue, for the lack of evidence being indicated. There were three presentments made during the session. "We have checked reports of the following and find they have turned in to the school fund since the last term of Superior court the amount set opposite their names. "Justice of the Peace: A. W. Smith, \$55.00; E. H. Grey, no cases; Elliott Tripp, none; J. W. Stanley, \$20.00; L. H. Phelps, none; Coy Duval, \$30.00; M. B. Chinnis, none; H. Foster Mintz, none; Mayor Leon Galloway & John Erickson, none; G. F. Ganey, none; A. H. Ganey, \$130.00. "The routine investigation of the Register of Deeds office and Clerk of Court's office was made. Everything was found to be in order. "The Grand Jury made a tour (Continued on Page Four)

Record Cabio Is Caught On Monday

The biggest cabio of the year, in fact the largest ever reported at Southport, was taken Monday aboard the Idle-On, owned and operated by Captain T. H. Watts. The fish weighed an even sixty pounds. Two smaller fish of the same species were also taken, along with a goodly number of other big fish. The party making the catch was headed by W. S. Parker. When seen late yesterday afternoon Captain Watts said he forgot to ask where they were from. The big fish attracted a lot of attention when brought in.

Farm Bureau Is Laid To Rest

Funeral Services Held At Dixon's Chapel On Last Thursday Afternoon; Buried In Church Cemetery

In ill health for some time, Wesley B. Varnum, well known resident of the Varnumtown community of Lockwoods Folly township, died at his home Tuesday night of last week. He was 58 years of age and the immediate cause of his death was kidney trouble. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roxie Varnum; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Galloway and Mrs. Gracie Hageman; four sons, Hubert, Milton, Durbin and Garland Varnum. A number of grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held at Dixon's Chapel church Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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Our ROVING Reporter

Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Wells, residents of Southport when Dr. Wells is not busy as head of the Department of Botany at State College, were very valuable to the town and community this summer. Hardly a day passed when Mrs. Wells and the energetic doctor did not have one or several prominent guests from a distance. Such folks were attracted here by the boundless interest that the couple have in Southport and Brunswick county. Our estimate of things is that Dr. and Mrs. Wells talk Brunswick county more than any other couple living in the county. It was a good day for the county when they decided to buy a home here and become summer residents until Dr. Wells retires from his professional work. It will be still better when they come back permanently a year or so from now. Ralph Frink, of Shallotte, tells us that he and Aaron McLamb recently captured a four-foot alligator on the farm of H. M. Fullwood below Shallotte. The reptile was meandering down a ditch on Route 17. Tied to a tree on Mr. Fullwood's lawn for several days it attracted much interest on the part of tourists and folks of the community. Both outstanding among the country's water color painters, Miss Emma Mendenhall and Miss Anita Fenton of Cincinnati, Ohio, will conclude a two week's stay at Southport this week. During their visit they have painted and sketched many beautiful scenes (Continued on page six)

FISHING IS FUN



LANDED—Albert Colwell, Clinton insurance man, is shown getting ready to do some serious fishing from aboard the Idle On, sports fishing cruiser of Captain T. H. Watts. His partner, P. W. Fisher, made the first catch and is shown, right, admiring a nice Spanish mackerel he has just landed.—(Star-News Cut).

Cecil Edwards Is Named Veteran Service Officer

Appointment Made Wednesday By Members Of Board County Commissioners Upon Recommendation Of Veteran Committee

Cecil Edwards has been appointed the first full time Veterans Service Officer for Brunswick county and already has entered upon his duties of assisting in every possible manner with claims of ex-service men and their dependants. Edwards was appointed by members of the board of county commissioners, whose action was based upon the recommendation of a committee of veterans representatives.

Will Maintain Office At Supply To Aid All Persons In Any Part Of The County Having Claims Against The Veterans Administration

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Shallotte Bank Has Busy Time

Cashier J. E. Cook Is Well Pleased With Increase In Business During First Year Of Operation

Well pleased all through the first year at the fine showing his bank made, Cashier J. E. Cooke of the Shallotte branch of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company, was highly elated Saturday when speaking to a newsman of the huge increase in the bank's business since the tobacco marketing season has started up. Feeling that he could not give out any actual figures, Mr. Cooke waved a huge wad of deposit slips, representing both new depositors and increases on the part of old ones. "We," he said, speaking for both himself and Mrs. Cooke, who is his assistant, "are being worked to death taking care of the big increase in business." The branch at Shallotte has proven a boon to tobacco growers, business houses and the general public in that section of Brunswick county.

Plenty Of Sport Down At Point

Several Fishing Good Parties Have Made Good Catches While Fishing In That Section During Past Few Days

Bait fishing at Shallotte Point, according to John W. Garner, proprietor of the Anchor Hotel, has been a little off for the past two weeks but is now picking up wonderfully with some nice catches being made. While the bait fishing was poor, party boats and outboard motor boats took to trolling in a big way, both outside on the ocean and in the inlet. Among the good catches, Mr. Garner reported that Captain Harry Chadwick with a party composed of Pete Rhodes and son, of Wilmington; Doug Davis, of Hamlet, and Bill Thompson, of Lumberton, boated 14 dolphin and a number of nice bluefish and mackerel. The next day with a party from High Point, composed of Worth Lewelyn and others, made a fine catch of bluefish, mackerel, trout, pompano and a few nice channel bass. They were trolling with outboard motors in the inland waterway. Captain Alonzo Holden has been running blackfish parties to (Continued on page five)

P-T Boat Hits Sunken Wreck

Was Being Taken Through Inland Waterway To Dominican Republic For Delivery To That Government

A 76-foot P. T. boat, just sold by the Navy to the Dominican Republic, was hauled up on the railway of the Brunswick Navigation company last Wednesday after she lost all three of her propellers and was damaged about the bottom when she ran into the wrecked barge in the waterway at Lockwoods Folly Inlet. Following the wreck the boat was towed back to Southport to the fish factory and its railway. Superintendent R. F. Plaxco stated that he was making no charge for hauling it out of the water and letting it remain until necessary repairs can be made. He is, however, unable to do the repairing with his regular railway force as all of the men are busy with other work at the factory during this rush fishing season. A Spanish Lieutenant with a crew of three men was taking the boat southward when they ran into the hidden wreck.

Colored Youth Drowns Monday

John Luke Hilburn Died Of Heart Attack Enroute To Doshier Memorial Hospital At Southport

John Luke Hilburn, 79-year-old native of Columbus county who has resided at Bolivia for the past twenty years, died Thursday night from a heart attack while enroute to the hospital at Southport. He had been in feeble health for some months but was sick for only a few minutes preceding his death. The body was prepared for burial at Kilpatrick's Funeral home and carried to Livingston Chapel church in Columbus county, where funeral and burial services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Woodrow Robbins had charge of the funeral services. Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Rabon Hilburn; three daughters, Misses Bertha, Mertie and Mabel Hilburn and one son, William G. Hilburn. A number of brothers and sisters also survive in Columbus and New Hanover counties.

Defendant Gets Off Light In Rape Case Trial

Judge Directs Scathing Remarks Toward White Youth As He Gives Him Full Penalty Allowed Under Law

Thomas Hewett, white youth on trial here last week on a charge of rape, was found guilty of the lesser charge of assault upon a female, but in passing sentence upon him Judge Henry L. Stevens delivered a scathing denunciation of the defendant. He was given the maximum sentence of 2 years on the roads. James Bannister was found guilty of breaking and entering and was given 12 months on the roads. M. L. Bryant, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation and was fined \$50.00 and costs. Gertha Shaw pleaded guilty to charges of larceny. Her sentence of 12 months in the work house was suspended and the defendant placed upon probation for a period of 5 years. She was taxed with costs. Dillard Price was found not guilty of larceny. However, by agreement the defendant paid the sum of \$50.00 to the complaining witness. Woodrow Mintz was found not guilty of aiding and abetting in larceny. Caldwell C. Potter was found not guilty of larceny. G. E. Jones pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance and using profane language. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of \$50.00 and costs, judgment suspended upon condition that defendant be of good behavior for 2 years. Willie Moore was found guilty of public drunkenness and was fined \$50.00 and costs. Walter Moore was found guilty of non-support. Sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of \$8.00 per week into the hands of the clerk of court and costs of the case. E. V. Clemmons pleaded guilty to charges of unlawful and willful neglect of his illegitimate child. The defendant was given 6 months, suspended upon condition that he pay all court costs and pay the sum of \$10.00 per month into the hands of the clerk of court for each of the next 20 months. Kenneth Kye, minor, was granted a judgment of \$300.00 for injuries sustained when the vehicle in which he was riding was in collision with a truck owned by the Wertheimer Bag Co. Leona C. Quinners was granted a divorce from Joseph Quinners upon grounds of years separation. The following cases were continued: Wesley Johnson, trespassing; Johnnie Caison, trespassing; William E. Privett, public drunkenness; Levi Marlowe, carnal knowledge; E. V. Clemmons, seduction; Lottin Clemmons, public drunkenness; Bert Jacobs and M. L. Holden, conspiracy to kill; James McDaniel, murder; Lester C. Smith, disposing of mort-

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County Schools Commence Fall Term Last Week

County Superintendent Of Schools J. T. Denning Reports That Opening Attendance Figures In Line With Last Year

County Superintendent J. T. Denning reported Monday that enrollment at the various schools of the county was about the same as last year and that the fall term had begun without any unusual incidents. At Waccamaw high school this year and second year typing courses are being taught, with four years of vocational agriculture and home economics available. Mrs. Monica Boyce is teaching piano. A four year vocational agriculture course is being offered again at Bolivia, but the home economics department is inactive since the teacher was lost. This resulted from the fact that no teacher was available for this position last year. Mrs. Virginia Copeland, formerly the piano teacher at Waccamaw, is teaching this year at Bolivia. The faculty list for Shallotte high school was given last week. Following is a complete list for the other consolidated schools: Southport school: In high school, Harry T. Sanders, Sarah B. Townsend, Frances Garris Baker, Grammar grades, Verna T. Denning, Ruth Robinson Hood, Muriel Davis Lennon, Gertrude Y. Loughlin, Ruth Ruark Gay, Annie Russ Weeks, Lucille S. Williamson, Thelma Willis, Mary Lee Norment. Bolivia school: In high school, O. C. Burton, J. M. King, Fred W. Young, Iva Lee Miller. Grammar grades, Elise McCoy, Mae Ward, Ora McKeithan, Reba S. Rogers, Hilda Nell Quinn, Frances Holden, Emma Herring, Wilson Reeves, Maud Fox, Bertha Reid. Leland school: In high school, Holland Manning, Edith Obel, Elaise Woodward. In grammar grades, Mrs. Ted L. Benton, Mamie McFarland, Madge Smith, Mattie Wilson, Ethyllyn B. Forbes, Mary Bryant, Mosder Neilson, Mrs. Robert McDougal, Eva Mae Knox, Mrs. W. C. Biggs. Waccamaw school: In high school, Martin C. Freeman, Muriel Ross, Della Victoria Williamson, Mrs. Martin C. Freeman, Wilma Phelps, Martin Franklin Baker, Edith Jane Hinson. In grammar grades, Edward Evans Ulrick, Muriel Ward Bennett, Mildred Moye, Mrs. Joe Stanaland, Pauline Callahan, Willie Myrtle Hulen, Mary Lillian Watts, Florine Evans, Helen Hanson, Edna Marie Thornton, Miriam Stacy, Mary Evelyn Yarborough, Louis K. Walton, Mrs. Birdie Shealey, Dorothy Emily Jolly, Doris Ward.

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