

Waccamaw Girls, Leland Boys Win Championships In Basketball Tourney

Southport Boys Lost To Leland In Friday Finals By 1-0 Point As Result Of Last Minute Field Goal

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SOUTHPORT AND LELAND IN STAR-NEWS QUARTER-FINALS

Southport Playing New Hanover Freshmen At 2:00 O'clock Today; Leland Meets Rose Hill Tonight

Of the nine Brunswick county teams entered in this year's Star-News Basketball Tournament, only two were still in the race today as Southport and Leland entered the quarter-finals of the boys' division.

Southport gained its place by defeating Chinquapin last night by a score of 38 to 20 in a free-shooting contest. Today the local lads meet New Hanover freshmen at 2 o'clock.

Leland turned back Bolivia in first round play by a score of 33 to 18, and tonight at 8:15 o'clock must play the strong Rose Hill five.

Bolivia School Lunch Room Is Going Project

Patrons Of School Are Responsible For Unit Which Is Feeding 250 Boys And Girls Each Day

Building Now Well Equipped

Actual Work Of Putting Building In Shape Performed By Men And Boys; Sufficient Funds Raised

Miss Corrine Greene, Brunswick county home agent, recently called the attention of this paper to the fine work being done by the Bolivia high school lunch room during the present session of school.

During the WPA days a fair sized log building was constructed at the Bolivia school, intended to serve as a lunch room. Through lack of funds or otherwise it never went far towards serving this mission until well into the 1946-47 term of the Bolivia school.

Then, with the building unused and in bad condition, patrons of the school decided they just had to do something about a lunch room. Candy bars, crackers and soft drinks were not contributing much to the health of the children.

As usual in such cases, the women folks among the patrons of the school were first to see the need of doing something about a lunch room. To give them full credit, the men were in on the project from the start.

They had to have a lunch room for the children. The lunch room had to have equipment and supplies. Yielding to persistent pleading the county gave \$500.00 towards the repair of the building, flooring, ceiling, roofing and outside.

Several Wilmington merchants also chipped in and contributed \$98.50. A big Halloween party brought a nice sum, show-ers were given and daylight appeared ahead for the project.

Menfolk among the patrons, boys of the vocational agriculture class led by their teacher, J. M. King, contributed all of the labor, including the painting.

With the money that had been raised and what was left over from the fund donated for the building repairs, the patrons bought a huge new gas cook stove for \$692.00; a gas water heater and sterilizer; a refrigerator with 1500 pounds capacity for \$400.00

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Plenty Of Plants Now In Prospect

Reports From Farming Sections Of Brunswick Indicate That Bountiful Crop Of Plants Are Coming On

If the blue mould does not get to bothering them, Brunswick county tobacco growers will start planting this year's tobacco crop with the biggest and best supply of plants that they have had on hand in years.

Very few, if any growers, are facing a plant shortage, according to several who were interviewed Monday. On the other hand many growers appear to have twice as many plants as they will need.

George B. Ward, Jr., Waccamaw (Continued on Page 6)

Negro On Trial For Murder Of Shallotte Man

Leon (Scoop) Gause Is Scheduled To Go On Trial This Morning In New Hanover Superior Court

IS SECOND TRIAL FOR ACCUSED MAN

Case Moved To New Hanover County In Interest Of Obtaining Fair Trial For Gause, Charged With Slaying

For the second time Leon (Scoop) Gause, 30 year old Shallotte negro, was to go on trial in New Hanover Superior court this morning. Gause is charged with the slaying of H. Jim Williamson, Shallotte white farmer. The killing occurred in the home of Williamson one night in February, 1946. Gause is alleged to have fired a shotgun through the window of the Williamson home. The charge of shot striking Williamson in the neck and shoulder as he sat at a table, shelling peanuts.

Tried in New Hanover last year Gause was found guilty and sentenced to death. The North Carolina Supreme Court granted him a new trial on the grounds of an error having been made by the trial judge in his charge to the jury. The case had been transferred from Brunswick to New Hanover for trial on the plea of attorneys for Gause that he could not get a fair trial in Brunswick county.

New Hanover court officials were busy yesterday rounding up a special venire of 75 men for possible jury duty in the trial beginning today. Attorneys David Sinclair and R. I. Mintz, of Wilmington will assist Solicitor Clifford Moore in the prosecution of the case. Gause is represented by Osmer L. Henry of Lumberton and J. W. Ruark of Southport.

Man Recovering From Knife Cuts

E. L. Gray, Jr., Guard At Prison Camp, Suffered Serious Injury At Hands Of Negro Youths Of Winnabow

E. L. Gray, Jr., 22-year-old Shallotte man who has a position as guard at the New Hanover prison camp, is said to be out of danger from the knife wounds he received ten days ago, during an early morning altercation he had with three young Winnabow negroes.

Details of incidents leading up to the affray have not yet been brought to light. Gray sustained seven knife wounds about the abdomen. None of them are credited with having been dangerously deep and it is understood he will be able to leave the hospital this week. It is understood that his assailants, all of whom are being held under bond, have sworn out a warrant charging him with assault with deadly weapon.

Within a short time the affray Chief Deputy Sheriff O. W. Perry, of Leland, rounded up and arrested the three negro youths, Walter Harrison, aged 19; Clarence (Continued on page six)

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Some few Brunswick county farmers, chiefly near the coast, have planted part of their corn crop. Normally quite a bit of corn has been planted and is up in Brunswick county by the middle of March. Things have been held up this year by rains. Taking everything by and large, the county appears to be in fine shape with respect to farming this year.

We were impressed when Everett H. Sheppard, of Shiloh, N. J., switched from Georgia to Brunswick county for the purpose of growing tomato plants for farmers in New Jersey. There was no doubt that plants could be produced here as early as could be desired. The quality was guess-work, however, until some plants were actually grown. A few days ago Mr. Sheppard advised us that in his opinion the plants grown here last year were much

more hardy than the Georgia product. He was very much pleased with his venture last year and is jubilant at the outlook now. He is growing better plants here than he grew in Georgia and a fifteen hour trip by truck will deliver them on the farms in New Jersey, beginning about a month from now. A very pleasing feature is that the plants can be pulled from the fields here one day and set out on the New Jersey farms the next morning.

Milton Lindner, New York State man who is here growing millions of pepper, tomato, cauliflower, lettuce, cabbage and other plants for his brother, George Lindner, veteran Long Island truck grower, was very much pleased with conditions in general when we met up with him this past week. He really had cause to be. The plants (Continued on page five)

Pastor Planning Series Of Sermons

Teh Rev. J. M. Waggette, pastor of Southport Presbyterian church, is planning a brief series of sermons on "The Origin, Growth and Objectives of Some of the Leading Popular Churches."

The first of these sermons will be delivered on Sunday evening, which is the last Sunday before Easter. His subject for this hour will be "The Growth Together of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches." Dr. Waggette says that he has paired the two because of the similarity of their beginning and of their objectives. The public is invited to attend these services.

Producing Plants For Long Island Truck Growing

Extensive Operation Being Undertaken At Plant Farm On The McRacken Place Near Southport On River Road

Millions of cauliflower, lettuce, bell pepper, tomato, cabbage and other truck crop plants will be ready for shipment from Brunswick county to George Lindner, Long Island, N. Y., truck farmer, by the last of March or first of April. These plants are now up and growing fast, despite the light frost that fell Friday and Saturday nights. The pepper, tomato and some of the other plants are now about an inch high.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lindner have been at Southport about a month. Mr. Lindner, a younger brother of the Long Island truck farmer, has been getting the land prepared, planting the seed and keeping an eye on things. Last week most of the plants were given their first cultivation and both Mr. and Mrs. Lindner were highly pleased with the appearance of things. They think that another year may see a lot of other New York truckers turning to Brunswick county lands for their early plants. This particular Long Island truck grower, George Lindner, has become so interested in the local prospects that he had his brother to subscribe for the State Port Pilot to be sent to him at Long Island.

The Lindners are operating on the farm of Thompson McRacken on the river road, across Wall (Continued On Page Four)

Nominated For House By GOP

J. O. West To Make Race For House Of Representatives In This District; Republicans Meet In Elizabethtown

Leading Republicans of the 7th Congressional District met in Elizabethtown Saturday and nominated J. O. West, Dunn attorney, as the party's choice in the general election this Fall. The meeting was presided over by J. A. Maultsby of Whiteville who was re-elected chairman of the district executive committee.

Chosen as delegate to the National convention in Philadelphia were Fred R. Keith of St. Pauls and J. O. West of Dunn. I. B. (Continued On Page Four)



Raftery Shows Begin Tour Here Next Week

Leading Road Show Attraction With Winter Quarters At Leland Will Be Ready To Open Monday

FOLLOWS CUSTOM OF OPENING HERE

Will Appear In Southport Under Auspices Of Volunteer Fire Department; Features Amusements For Children

The Raftery Shows, formerly the R. & S. Amusements, continuing their long established custom, will open their 1948 road season at Southport Monday. Advice from Jimmy Raftery yesterday were to the effect that the shows will be moving in from the winter quarters at Leland Saturday of this week and will be all set up for the full week, beginning Monday.

This attraction has long been called Brunswick's own show. Years ago when it acquired property and established winter quarters at Leland it began the practice of giving its first week of entertainment each season to the residents of the home county by holding forth at Southport. Two years ago it further showed its home county spirit by coming back to Shallotte in the fall for its last week of the year.

It is not just the show that is Brunswick's own Jimmy and Mrs. Carrie are citizens of Brunswick at their home at Leland, both taking an active interest in all of the doings of the community and county. Mr. Raftery's son, Billy, is also permanently established as a resident of the county.

It has not been learned what the show has in the way of new attractions this year. Mostly it has always featured riding devices and entertainment for the children. Each year it grows bigger and better and the Brunswick folks who attend the Brunswick county show here next week may expect to find many new and interesting features.

Hubert Lee Robinson, displaying improper license, ordered to pay court costs.

Bettie Lee Merritt, vagrancy, not prosed.

Thomas Richard Merritt, drunk driving, 60 days on roads or \$100.00 fine and costs.

Harry Smalers, speeding, called and failed.

Quilla Hall, drunk driving, 60 days on roads or \$100.00 fine and (Continued on Page 6)

Supply Baptists To Meet Sunday

Organizational Meeting Of Supply Baptist Church Will Be Held In Store Building Next To Post-office Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday March 21, an organization service for Supply Baptist Church has been planned, this to be held at the store building next to the post office. Rev. H. M. Baker of Southport will preside at this meeting and the following program has been arranged:

Hymn: "The Leadeth Me;" Devotion: Dennis R. Hewett; Recognition of churches represented and Roll Call of Charter Members; Articles of Faith; Rev. T. F. Johnson; Church Covenant; (Continued On Page Four)

Republicans To Nominate Ticket In May Primary

County Convention Held Thursday Afternoon At Supply; Delegates To District Convention, State Convention Named

KOPP RE-ELECTED PARTY CHAIRMAN

State Convention Being Held Tomorrow In Durham With Large Delegation Planning To Attend

At the Brunswick county Republican convention held at Supply Thursday afternoon it was definitely decided that all Republican candidates should file for and enter the primary election this year. No nominations for any office were made.

W. A. Kopp, Bolivia businessman, was re-elected chairman of the Brunswick County Republican Executive Committee, with Charles M. Trott continuing as secretary of this body. Mrs. Early Danford of Bolivia is vice-chairman. Members of the executive committee include Blane Skipper, Northwest; George Swain, Town Creek; J. B. Cochran, Smithville; McKinley Hewett, Lockwoods Folly; T. L. Long, Shallotte; Lonnie Evans, Waccamaw.

Charles Trott, secretary stated Tuesday that thus far no candidate had filed for any office. However, Isaac Reynolds of Shallotte and Lonnie Evans of Ash announced themselves as candidates for the board of county commissioners in this paper two weeks ago. It is assumed that they and other Republican candidates will file shortly.

Following the organization of all voting precincts, delegates and alternate delegates were named for the State Republican Convention that is to be held in Durham tomorrow, March 18th. The following were named as delegates: Lester Babson, Lonnie Evans, James Hewett, D. R. Johnson, F. C. Norris, Chas. M. Trott, Jack King, R. S. Willetts, Chas. W. Knox and Herbert Russa. The alternate delegates are, Stacy King, Rod Sellers, Edgar Holden, Lindsey Robinson, H. L. Willetts, Isaac Reynolds, Early Danford, Dan Harrelson, Garfield Simmons, R. D. White, Jr.

Commissioners In Session Monday

Matters Of Routine Business Disposed Of Before Holding Adjourned Session Of Board Of Equalization And Review

Members of the board of county commissioners met Monday in regular session before adjourning to sit as a board of equalization and review.

Upon motion of the board, the sheriff was directed to bring W. E. Babson before the commissioners at their next regular meeting to show cause why his beer license should not be revoked. The sheriff is also to summons necessary witnesses.

Approval was given two road projects by the commissioners. One is from Thomasboro to the Sol Wilson farm, the other from Silent Grove cemetery to Long Point, in Boone's Neck. It was recommended that these roads be graded and surfaced.

The following tax matters were disposed of: W. B. Phelps re- (Continued On Page Four)

Building Fund Receives Boost

Members Of Congregation Southport Baptist Church Contributed \$2,358.00 At Sunday Evening Service

Members of the congregation of Southport Baptist church contributed \$2358.00 in cash to their building fund at the evening services held here Sunday.

The goal which had been set for this service was \$3000.00, according to the pastor, Rev. H. M. Baker, who says that other contributions during this week will be credited toward that goal.

The Rev. Mr. Baker says that the amount raised Sunday will just about pay off all present indebtedness of the church and will bring to \$14,000.00 the amount spent thus far in the building program. It is estimated that another \$15,000.00 will be required to complete the job of brick veneering the church building and finish the education building.

Local Resident Passes Thursday

Mrs. Sibyl Gates Lewis Died At Her Home Here Thursday Night Following Period Of Failing Health

Following several months of failing health, Mrs. Sibyl Gates Lewis, wife of Malcolm Lewis, died at her home here Thursday night. A native of the eastern part of the state, Mrs. Lewis had resided here for the past three years. With her husband, she bought the Brunswick Inn three years ago and converted it into a private home.

Mrs. Lewis was the daughter of the late Dr. Franklin P. Gates and Mrs. Betty Hooker Gates of Bayboro and Manteo. Educated at the Fanquier school in Warrenton, Va., and at N. C. C. W. in Greensboro, she began her public health work in Brunswick county. Going from here to Edgecombe she held a like post as director of public welfare in that county. Later she was with the WPA and ERA programs in Penobscot and Sampson counties and was director in Carteret county.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children by a former marriage and by one bro- (Continued On Page Four)

Brief News Flashes

CAKE-PIE SALE The women of Southport Baptist church will hold a cake and pie sale Saturday morning at the Southport Trading Co. store.

MEETINGS TO MEET The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Community Center building.

CANDIDATE HERE Robert Young of Dunn, one of the three men who have filed for the Democratic nomination as congressman from the 7th District, was a visitor here Saturday.

SERVICES FULFILL The Rev. Fred Hintze of Wilmington conducted morning and evening preaching services at Southport Sunday. Another preaching will be present for services on Thursday Sunday. Regular Sunday school and young people's services will be held this week.