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Leland Robbery Case Features Court Docket

One-Week Term Of Superior Court For Trial Of Criminal Cases Convenes Here Monday Morning

During the one-week term of Brunswick County Superior Court devoted to the trial of criminal cases and presided over by Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg, which convenes on Monday, it is expected that three men charged with the bold and armed robbery of a Leland service station last December will be tried.

The case aroused much interest in the county, as much for the boldness of its execution as for the considerable sum of money and bonds involved in the crime.

Standing accused before the bar of justice will be John Calvin Whaley of Beulahville, Virgil M. Sanderson of Wilmington, and Troy Brown of Leland. At 46, Brown is the oldest of the trio.

The crime took place a few minutes before 9 o'clock on the cold night of Tuesday, December 20, 1960, when two men, one of them wearing a mask and both bandishing pistols, walked into the Willetts Service Station near Leland, and demanded all money in the place. The 70-year-old Mrs. Alice Benton, mother of Mrs. Willetts, was tending the station at the time of the robbery.

The thieves scooped up some \$14,000 in cash and a small iron safe said to contain some \$18,000 in bonds. Before leaving the scene they tied up the aged woman and another woman, locking the victims in a bedroom before making their escape. Brown was the last apprehended, and since he was not believed to be present at the actual robbery, is charged with being an accessory both before and after the fact and a conspirator with the younger gunwielders.

The defendants are said to have admitted burning the pilfered bonds but have remained mum as to the whereabouts of the missing cash.

heard on Wednesday.

Other cases docketed for the ord, comes mighty close. term include that of Dalton R. The George R. Likens party and delegate; Elmer Aycock and Norton, charged with manslaugh- from Jacksonville, out Sunday on Rufus Stewart are other members, ter as the outcome of a fatal acci- the John Ellen, Capt. Walter with Willie Peterson and John dent involving an automobile, sev- Lewis, brought back not one but eral forgery cases, a number of two sailfish, one of which measlarceny cases, female assault, and ured 6 ft. and 5 inches, the other, Willie Clemmons, chairman and a good number of drunk driving 5 ft. and 8 inches. Both giants delegate; Alvie Clemmons and

P.T.A Meeting Here Thursday

President J. F. Howard

The Southport Parent Teacher Association will meet Thursday night in the Southport High School auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. This is a most important meeting for every parent because all of the committees will be appointed for the 1961-62 year.

The meeting will be highlighted by the introduction of the new principal and all of the new on Monday. Continued On Page 4

Brief Bits Of

ART EXHIBITION

The paintings and drawings of Southport artist Gilliam Hornstein will be exhibited at the Artists Gallery in Wilmington with the work hanging for the 15-day period from September 16 through the 30. A preview and reception will mark the opening day in the Port City.

SUB-DISTRICT MEET

The M. Y. F. Sub-District held a retreat on Saturday at Ocean View Church, Yaupon Beach. The and women gathered in Dixon program began at 8:30 a. m. Chapel Methodist church last Everyone brought sandwiches for Tuesday night to learn more a picnic lunch. Each local M.Y.F. about the grave World situation, District Council.

WORK ON ANNUAL

an annual are asked to send the out becomes a problem. money to school with their children, or contact Carolyn Barbee, ters were distributed to those at- on the critical list.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1961

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Twin Catch



PROUD-George R. Likens of Jacksonville is shown here standing between the two sailfish which he caught Sunday while out with Capt. Walter Lewis aboard the John Ellen. A total of 13 of these fish were brought in by parties fishing at Southport last week.—(Howard Photo.)

Still Going On

Total Of Thirteen Taken In Period Of One Week By Boats Fishing Out Of Southport

Southport's offshore fishing ontinues excellent with large catches reported for fewer excursions. The big fellows are much in evidence with 13 sailfish being taken in the past week. This Their case is scheduled to be averages out to almost two sails ships were made public by Ralph per fishing-day, and if not a recomplete per fishing-day, and if not a recomplete per fishing-day and its not a recomplete per fishing-day and its not a recomplete per fishing-day and its not per fishing-day, and, if not a rec-

were hauled in by Likens.

Capt. Dick Skipper, the Bill Wol- Lennon and Hoyd Lancaster. ford party of Sanford went one The Lockwoods Folly voting rebetter with three sailfish, the sulted in election of Stanton Will Appoint Committee inches, while Bill Wolford had to Sanford, and measured 6 ft. 8 nates. Members For Year At be content with a "baby" sail, Jenrett came off the winner and only 6 ft. 6 inches long.

> Sain of Vale to a sailfish meas- Sommersett and Fred Watts are uring 6 ft. 6 inches, and Donald alternates. Adams of Hickory, to one 3 inches longer than Sain's.

to mastery over 11 kingfish, 50 were cast. bluefish, 2 barracuda and 9 bonito,

blues, 10 bonito and 2 barracuda. year. Also on the same day, the Idle On IV, Capt. Dosher, carrying the J. N. Nesbitt party from Kan-napolis, brought in 50 blues, 4 Negro Killed napolis, brought in 50 blues, 4 king mackerel, 4 bonito, 2 amberjack and 3 barracuda.

CD Meeting Held At Varnumtown

A. S. Knowles County Director Explains Program And Help That Is Avail-

About fifty Varnumtown men president is a member of the Sub- and more particularly to learn about radio-active fallout and

survival shelters.

A. S. Knowles, Director of Civil The Senior class of Southport Defense for Brunswick County, High School is beginning its cam- supplied the information on the paign to sell ads and annuals for world situation and how the Civil this year. Members of the class Defense program will operate in will be around to see local busi- case of an emergency. Knowles 35-year-old Brunswick native. ness firms before next Thursday. showed a motion picture on fall- Stanley is hospitalized at Dosher All parents or friends who want out, and what to do in case fall- Memorial Hospital in Southport

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Record Catches Of Sailfish Are Count Incomplete In Farm Election

Student

LINDA PHELPS

Brunswick Girl

Class At St. Andrews

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burg this fall.

Record Vote Is Cast Monday And Ballots Are Being Counted Today At ASC Office

Ballots from the ASC Community Committee election on Monday are being counted today at the office in Shallotte, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the results from four of the six town-

In Northwest township Paul Smith, alternates.

Marvin Carterett are other mem-On Saturday aboard the Eva-K, bers. Alternates are Clarence

largest of which stretched 7 feet Brown as chairman and delegate. long; this one caught by James Members are Aldreth Phelps and Galyon of Sanford; second sail Ishmel Chadwick. Floyd Hewett landed fell to Mack Wolford of and McKinley Hewett are alter-

will serve as chairman and dele-On Wednesday the Idle On IV, gate. John H. Gore and Grover

Price said that ballot counting would continue this afternoon un-The Idle On III, Capt. H. A. til completed, but he said that Schmidt, carried the L. A. Car- this was turning out to be quite well party from Camden, S. C., a job since a total of 1,857 votes

High man from each communi-On the same day the Idle On II, county convention which is to be Capt. Basil Watts, chartered by held Thursday, September 21, for the R. W. Bryan party of Char- the purpose of electing the counlotte, brought in 10 kingfish, 25 ty committee for the coming

In Auto Wreck

Youth Is Fatally Injured When One Car Sideswipes Another Near His

An automobile collision in the early hours of Sunday morning brought death to a 13-year-old Negro boy and hospitalized five other Negroes, all occupants of the death car.

Brunswick Coroner L. B. Bennett said that the youthful victim, identified as Earl Lindberg Frink, Jr., died instantly when the car in which he was a passenger sideswiped another in a passing attempt. The accident occurred about 1:30 a. m. on the Thomasboro-Hickman's Crossroad high-

Driver of the death car was identified as Henderson Stanley, along with the surviving passen-Plans for building fallout shel- gers, some of whom are reported

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Share In Money From Powell Bill

Several Towns

Long Beach And Boiling Spring Lakes Receive Big-gest Share Due To Great Street Mileage

Brunswick County has come in or the sum of \$68,238.49, out of almost 71/2 million dollars Powell Bill Funds allocated participating municipalities for 1961. Of this sum the town of Long

Beach gets the lion's share, with \$32,023.34, and Shallotte receives the smallest county allocation, with \$2,174.15.

Six Brunswick towns participate in the plan wherein the state al-locates funds derived from gasoline taxes to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway system street work within the corporate limits. Size of the allocations is determined by population and number and length of

It is not surprising, then, to find that in Brunswick County such municipalities as Boiling Spring Lakes, a spawling development of 15,000 acres and more than 37 miles of streets, receives \$16,892.28, in comparison with Southport's allocation of \$10,964.03, for use on 151/2 miles of streets. Long Beach's allocation surpasses that bestowed upon the larger Boiling Spring Lakes only because of the population

tions, are Yaupon Beach, \$3,-841.51, and Ocean Isle Beach,

Brunswick Gets Road Fatality

Second Victim Of Labor Day Weekend Accident In This County Dies In

Brunswick County had its sec-ond Labor Day weekend traffic victin chalked up on Friday, as John Hilton Hall, 41 of Clarkton, died at Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville. Hall was critically injured in an accident which occurred or

Sept. 3 at the intersection of NC 904 and the Ash-Hickman's Cross Roads highway. Albert Ellis, 30, also of Clarkton, died instantly in the accident, which happened at about 6:50 p. m., at the Regan crossing, near Longwood in Brunswick County. Two other persons are still hospitalized from the two-car crash which Patrolman H. F. Deal said

investigation indicated that an auto driven by W. J. Piver, formerly of Chadbourn but now of At New College Asheville, came from the Asheville Hickman's Crossing road onto NC 904—which is a through road— Capt. Hoyle Dosher, carried B. J. Hickman are members. Rufus
Sain of Vale to a sailfish meas- Sommersett and Fred Watts are

School Graduate, Mem- the Clarkton men. Reports from the local hospital ber Of First Freshman

indicate that Piver and Anson Nelson, 45, of Ash, are both in Linda Phelps, 1961 graduate of Shallotte High School, will be a dent. member of the first freshman

Hall died early Friday morclass in history at St. Andrews ning. Final rites were held at ty will serve as delegate to the Presbyterian College in Laurin- 4 p. m., Saturday, from Clarkton Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Among the awards she received J. W. Miller, with burial in Clark-

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TIME and TIDE

In our edition for September 16, 1936, there was a front page picture of a new silo at Hillcrest Dairy near Southport, now the Lindner Brothers Farm, Robert Jones was the manager. There was another picture, showing Eleanor Howey (McAuley), Hannah and Carey Reece, all double winners in the Southport Tennis

There was talk of holding a sailing regatta at Southport the following summer; sports fishing was good again here in the lower Cape Fear after muddy water caused by up-state rains had cleared; and although several tobacco warehouse advertisements said that prices were high and that selling was brisk, nowhere could there be found a statement of the average price being paid. Must have been pretty bad!

September 17, 1941, and the most interesting story on the front page of The Pilot that week was about a couple of youngsters who had locked themselves inside an abandoned hearse, then had frightened off their would-be rescuers with unearthly noises. But the story came off with a happy ending.

This might well have been dubbed "Crazy Week," for another front page piece told of an embarrassing mix-up in clothing at the local dry cleaners: A well known man about town had to go to a Saturday night dance in a suit that fitted like a straightjacket; while the next morning in a local church a Southport minister had filled the pulpit dressed in baggy britches and with a drape-shape jacket. But in a more serious vein, a British traw-Continued On Page 4

Fallout Shelter



REFUGE-Mrs. Leigh Tomlinson is shown here standing on the floor of the fallout shelter being constructed at the Tomlinson home in Deepwater heights. Standing by on the sleeping shelf are daughter Mary and son Johnny.

Other participating Brunswick municipalities and their allocations are Valued Fig. 1. Tomlinson Family **Building Shelter**

In Training



Miss Evelyn Jane Newell, daughter of Mrs. Laura Lee St. George, entered Hamlet School of Nursing at Hamlet Hospital on September 1. She is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School. During and after her high school career she was employed at Dosher Memorial Hospital.

Schedule For Mobile X-Ray

From Woman's Club For seven and one-half feet. Coming Visit

The mass survey to detect active or incipient cases of tuberculosis will soon be rolling, via mobile X-ray unit, throughout Brunswick County. First stop for the unit will be Southport, where citizens will have three days in which to avail themselves of free

The survey is sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club under the auspices of the State Health Department, and is open, free of charge, to all citizens of Brunswick County 15 years of age or

Free chest X-rays will be made at Southport for all comers on town on October 10; Ash on Oc- Farm Agent A. S. Knowles. tober 17 and 18, and the survey

In the interval before the sur-(Continued on Page 4)

Great Local Interest In Seri-Problem By Southport

Eugene B. Tomlinson, recently fense for Southport, has set an a report just issued by H. Foster example for other citizens in the Mintz, county chairman for the matter of providing protection for his family against the threat of nuclear warfare with the construction of a fallout shelter at to the state commission a sum of his home located in Deepwater money that is more than 300 per-

Excavation has been completed goal". and walls now are up to ground | The following eight Brunswick level, leaving only the work of men are newly-commissioned Adproviding a roof for the shelter. mirals in the North Carolina Incidentally, the entire installation will provide a foundation for a dining area which comes as a sort of extra bonus, and is a delight to Mrs. Tomlinson.

The shelter is being constructed in accordance with Office of Civil Defense specifications. The floor is a six-inch thick reinforced concrete slab, side walls are block construction with the cores filled with concrete and reinforcing rods embedded therein to protect against ground shock wave, roof will be a "sandwich" consisting of one sixinch reinforced concrete slab, twelve inches of earth and another reinforced concrete slab four inches thick.

The floor area is 120-square feet providing twice the recommended area of 10 square feet per person to be housed. Sufficient water-free excavation depth was obtained to place the entire living Arrangements Being Com- area underground and still provide pleted By A Committee a headroom or ceiling height of

> Water will be obtained from a hand pump mounted on a well point system driven below the bottom of the shelter. Provision for sewage disposal is planned. A handcrank blower similar to that used on blacksmith forges con-Continued On Page 4

Supper Meeting Is 4-H Kick-Off

Super Session Friday Night Will Launch Drive To Raise Sponsoring Funds

A supper meeting to kick-off October 3-5. Second stop in the the 4-H Development Fund Drive important service is scheduled for has been called for Friday night October 6 and 7 at Bolivia; in at the Agricultural Building in Shallotte October 11-14; Varnum- Supply, according to Brunswick

Some thirty communities will will terminate at Leland with a participate in the ten-day drive, three-day stand beginning on Oc- during which it is hoped the financial goal of \$3,549, will be Mrs. W. S. Norman, Clairman raised. Chairman from each parfor the tuberculosis committee of ticipating community, headed by the Southport Woman's Club, Wilton Harrelson, county drive urged that "all citizens avail chairman, will hear an address by themselves of this free opportuni- Robert Wood, specialist in develty to have their lungs checked by opment and attached to the State the miracle of X-ray." The com- College extension service. Aubrey mittee chairman pointed out that C. Johnson, county treasurer for a "stitch in time can save more the fund, will also attend the than nine stitches-it can save meeting. Both Harrelson and Johnson are from Shallotte. The banquet-meeting will

underway at 7:30 o'clock.

Not Arrive Here Until October 1

County Fund Chairman H.
Foster Mintz Reports Collections Totaling \$1,500 From Brunswick

The long-awaited arrival of the mighty warship U. S. S. North Carolina, originally scheduled to leave Bayonne, N. J., yesterday, and expected to glide past South-port and into the Cape Fear River under tow on Monday, September 18, has been delayed due to the series of tropical disturbances churning the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

Both the navy and the N. C. Battleship Commission are agreed on the feasibility of a "wait and watch" plan, before sending the great ship home to North Carolina and a berth at Wilmington. With such a floating prize at stake, the wishes of the insurance underwriters also must be taken into consideration.

The ship, completely repainted, scoured and refitted by a small army of regular Navy personnel during the past several months, according to Hugh Morton, chairman of the battleship commission, "is ready for visitors, just as soon as a parking area and footramp have been constructed." The vessel will be berthed on the Cape Fear across from the U.S. Customs House. If all goes well and weather permitting, the first Tar Heel visitors will walk her decks about October 1.

Morton, recently returned from Bayonne and the ceremonies at-tendant upon the transfer of the dreadnaught from the Navy to the State Battleship Commission, said that "although the fund drive ous Consideration To This has reached the considerable figure of \$240,000, nearly \$50,000 more is needed for the construction costs of a parking area and

Eugene B. Tomlinson, recently appointed Director of Civil De-County may take great pride in cent of what was set as our

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Good News From Brunswick Folks

Mrs. William Carrier Talked Tuesday Night To Father At Freeport, Tex-

A telephone call from Freeport, Tex., for Mrs. William Carrier Tuesday night brought good news from her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmons, who reported that they were safe following the devastation of Hurricane Carla. Simmons reported that he knew

the whereabouts of Johnnie. Murdock, Rothie and David Simmons, his brothers, and all were safe. Other cheering news was given concerning the Billy Wells family and of Donnie Watts and Flop Sellers.

Simmons told his daughter that all had sought safety inland, and at the time the call was made they were waiting at a bridge (Continued on Page 4)

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

Thursday, September 14.

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