

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 Louisville, 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 gun-wielders.

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

Their case is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday.

Other cases docketed for the term include that of Dalton R. Norton, charged with manslaughter as the outcome of a fatal accident involving an automobile, several forgery cases, a number of larceny cases, female assault, and a good number of drunk driving cases.

P.T.A Meeting Here Thursday

President J. F. Howard Will Appoint Committee Members For Year At First Meeting

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 teachers.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

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 program began at 8:30 a. m. Everyone brought sandwiches for a picnic lunch. Each local M.Y.F. president is a member of the Sub-District Council.

WORK ON ANNUAL The Senior class of Southport High School is beginning its campaign to sell ads and annuals for this year. Members of the class will be around to see local business firms before next Thursday. All parents or friends who want an annual are asked to send the money to school with their children, or contact Carolyn Barbee, telephone 7-4232.

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.)

Record Catches Of Sailfish Are Still Going On

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

Southport's offshore fishing continues 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 averages out to almost two sails per fishing-day, and, if not a record, comes mighty close.

The George R. Likens party from Jacksonville, out Sunday on the John Ellen, Capt. Walter Lewis, brought back not one but two sailfish, one of which measured 6 ft. and 5 inches, the other, 5 ft. and 8 inches. Both giants were hauled in by Likens.

On Saturday aboard the Eva-K, Capt. Dick Skipper, the Bill Wolford party of Sanford went one better with three sailfish, the largest of which stretched 7 feet long; this one caught by James Galyon of Sanford; second sail landed fell to Mack Wolford of Sanford, and measured 6 ft. 8 inches, while Bill Wolford had to be content with a "baby" sail, only 6 ft. 6 inches long.

On Wednesday the Idle On IV, Capt. Hoyle Doshier, carried B. J. Sain of Vale to a sailfish measuring 6 ft. 6 inches, and Donald Adams of Hickory, to one 3 inches longer than Sain's.

The Idle On III, Capt. H. A. Schmidt, carried the L. A. Carwell party from Camden, S. C., to mastery over 11 kingfish, 50 bluefish, 2 barracuda and 9 bonito, on Monday.

On the same day the Idle On II, Capt. Basil Watts, chartered by the R. W. Bryan party of Charlotte, brought in 10 kingfish, 25 blues, 10 bonito and 2 barracuda.

Also on the same day, the Idle On IV, Capt. Doshier, carrying the J. N. Nesbitt party from Knapolis, 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 Available

About fifty Varnumtown men and women gathered in Dixon Chapel Methodist church last Tuesday night to learn more about the grave World situation, and more particularly to learn about radio-active fallout and survival shelters. A. S. Knowles, Director of Civil Defense for Brunswick County, supplied the information on the world situation and how the Civil Defense program will operate in case of an emergency. Knowles showed a motion picture on fallout, and what to do in case fallout becomes a problem. Plans for building fallout shelters were distributed to those attending.

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Count Incomplete In Farm Election

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 townships were made public by Ralph Price, office manager.

In Northwest township Paul Brown was high man, chairman and delegate; Elmer Aycock and Rufus Stewart are other members, with Willie Peterson and John Smith, alternates. In Smithville the high man was Willie Clemmons, chairman and delegate; Alvie Clemmons and Marvin Carteret are other members. Alternates are Clarence Lennon and Hoyd Lancaster.

The Lockwoods Folly voting resulted in election of Stanton Brown as chairman and delegate. Members are Aldreth Phelps and Ishmel Chadwick. Floyd Hewett and McKinley Hewett are alternates.

In Shallotte township Horry Jenrett came off the winner and will serve as chairman and delegate. John H. Gore and Grover Hickman are members. Rufus Sommersett and Fred Watts are alternates.

Price said that ballot counting would continue this afternoon until completed, but he said that this was turning out to be quite a job since a total of 1,857 votes were cast.

High man from each community will serve as delegate to the county convention which is to be held Thursday, September 21, for the purpose of electing the county committee for the coming year.

Negro Killed In Auto Wreck

Youth Is Fatally Injured When One Car Sideswipes Another Near His Home

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 highway.

Driver of the death car was identified as Henderson Stanley, 35-year-old Brunswick native. Stanley is hospitalized at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport along with the surviving passengers, some of whom are reported on the critical list.

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Several Towns Share In Money From Powell Bill

Long Beach And Boiling Spring Lakes Receive Biggest Share Due To Great Street Mileage

Brunswick County has come in for the sum of \$68,238.49, out of almost 7 1/2 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 allocates 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 streets.

It is not surprising, then, to find that in Brunswick County such municipalities as Boiling Spring Lakes, a sprawling 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 1 1/2 miles of streets. Long Beach's allocation surpasses that bestowed upon the larger Boiling Spring Lakes only because of the population difference.

Other participating Brunswick municipalities and their allocations, are Yaupon Beach, \$3,841.51, and Ocean Isle Beach, \$2,343.18.

Brunswick Gets Road Fatality

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

Brunswick County had its second Labor Day weekend traffic victim chucked 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 on 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 Asheville, came from the Ash-Hickman's Crossing road onto NC 904—which is a through road—and collided with the car bearing the Clarkton men.

Reports from the local hospital indicate that Piver and Anson Nelson, 45, of Ash, are both in satisfactory condition at present, after being injured in the accident.

Hall died early Friday morning. Final rites were held at 4 p. m., Saturday, from Clarkton Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. W. Miller, with burial in Clarkton.

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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.

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 Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Schedule For Mobile X-Ray

Arrangements Being Completed By A Committee From Woman's Club For 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 X-rays.

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 over.

Free chest X-rays will be made at Southport for all comers on October 3-5. Second stop in the important service is scheduled for October 6 and 7 at Bolivia; in Shallotte October 11-14; Varnumtown on October 10; Ash on October 17 and 18, and the survey will terminate at Leland with a three-day stand beginning on October 19.

Mrs. W. S. Norman, chairman for the tuberculosis committee of the Southport Woman's Club, urged that "all citizens avail themselves of this free opportunity to have their lungs checked by the miracle of X-ray." The committee chairman pointed out that a "stitch in time can save more than nine stitches—it can save your life."

In the interval before the survey (Continued On Page 4)

Battleship Will 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 Southport 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 foot-ramp 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 attendant upon the transfer of the dreadnaught from the Navy to the State Battleship Commission, said that "although the fund drive has reached the considerable figure of \$240,000, nearly \$50,000 more is needed for the construction costs of a parking area and ramp."

In this connection, Brunswick County may take great pride in a report just issued by H. Foster Mintz, county chairman for the battleship fund. Mintz pointed out in his report that "Brunswick County, thus far, has forwarded to the state commission a sum of money that is more than 300 percent of what was set as our goal."

The following eight Brunswick men are newly-commissioned Admirals in the North Carolina (Continued On Page 4)

Good News From Brunswick Folks

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

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 of 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 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.

Table with columns for HIGH and LOW tides, listing times for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.