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The Gremlins Got After Waterworks During Past Week

Water Mains Burst Twice In Three Days And City Was Without Water For Several Hours In One Instance

UNUSUAL OCCURANCES STARTED ON FRIDAY

Truck Snapped Off A Hydrant Friday Night And Main Leading To Army Camp Burst Out Of Sympathy Sunday Night

Twice in a week employees of the city have had to wade out in the cold, which was not inconsiderable at the time and work like mad to make repairs and restore the usually reliable water system to its everyday competency in the matter of furnishing water to Southport homes providing the wherewith to fight fires.

It was accident after accident through no fault of either the main system or any of the employees. The trouble has simply been laid to gremlins. It was no joke to the city apparently, providence stood with them during the trouble. The fires broke out and no one suffered much during the several hours that the city was practically without water, twice inside of three days.

The first trouble occurred Friday night when a truck here for an scrap turned a corner at the water house too sharply for its wheels. The result was that the wheels snapped off a fire hydrant. Thousands and thousands of gallons of water went to waste before the mains feeding the hydrant could be shut off. The big tank was not drained but the pressure got alarmingly low and it took some time to replace the hydrant and reopen the mains.

Just two nights later, Sunday night without any known cause, the water was leading out to the old C. C. C. property, now used as an army camp, burst without any logical reason behind the procedure. Except that a tank joint gets the credit. The incident occurred at an isolated spot and no one noticed the water that proceeded to flood the landscape. To make matters worse, employees at the pumping station had checked up on the pressure just before the break occurred. No other inspection was made until three or four hours later and at that time it was revealed that something was wrong somewhere. The pressure was down to zero, both the mains and the tank were practically drained before the trouble was located and the flow through the main shut off. Mayor Eriksen stated that the water was off for about four hours during the coldest part of the winter.

Loans Available For Farmers Now Applications for Loans Now Being Received At Office Of County Agent At Supply

Emergency crop loans and emergency feed loans for 1944 are now available to farmers in Brunswick County, and applications for these loans are now being received at the County Agent's Office, Supply, N. C., by William G. Bradshaw, field supervisor. (Continued on Page Four)

Ration Pointers

CANNED FOODS
Green "D"-E-F" (Book 1) expire January 20, 1944.
Green "G"-H-J" (Book 2) expire February 20, 1944.

FUEL OIL
Period "2" coupons valid through January 24, 1944 and Period "3" coupons valid through February 21, 1944.

GASOLINE
A-S coupons expire February 8, 1944.

MEATS, FATS
Brown Stamps "R"-S" (Book 1) now valid, expire January 29, 1944.

SHOES
No. 18 (Book 1) valid indefinitely. Panc Stamp No. 1 (Book 2) now valid.

SUGAR
No. 29 (Book 4) good for five pounds through January 15, 1944.

Wants To Get Back In Action As Soon As Can

Eighteen Months Overseas And Sgt. William Holmes Southport Colored Soldier Is Anxious To Get Back Where There's Action

Sgt. William D. Holmes, Southport colored soldier, who has been spending the past eighteen months on active service in New Guinea, left Sunday for a camp in Georgia. Since returning to the United States he has been spending a 30 days leave here with his mother, Dona Holmes.

The Sgt., who is now 27 years old, enlisted in the army as a private in 1940. Over a year and a half ago he was sent overseas. He made a good soldier and was promoted to Sgt. but lost this rank for awhile owing, as he said, to having been too fond of the colored women in New Guinea. His rating was later restored.

Sgt. Holmes said he would be stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., with Battery D. of the 99th Coast Artillery, for awhile. He added, however, "I want to get back overseas, where there's some action, just as soon as they will send me." He indicated a profound distaste of any prospect of having to serve at home.

Must Buy More In Fourth Drive

Tentative Quota Shows That Brunswick Will Have To Buy More Heavily Of Series E. Bonds In 4th War Loan Drive

The tentative quota for Brunswick county in the 4th War Loan Drive, according to Chairman Robert F. Plaxco, is \$90,000. Of this amount \$42,100 is of Series E. bonds, which must be taken up by the citizens of Brunswick if the quota is reached. In the 3rd War Loan Drive, only \$32,000 of Series E. bonds were bought by Brunswick people.

The total quota for the county is something less than \$25,000 under the quota for the 3rd drive. On the other hand the Brunswick folks who are backing the attacks that are expected to win the war in 1944 will have to buy \$10,000 more in bonds than they bought in the 3rd drive.

There is no better buy on earth today than U. S. War Bonds. The purchase of a bond is merely a loan to the United States at good interest. The government needs the money to back up the men who are now fighting overseas, as well as the millions of other men who will soon be fighting. The great push to end Hitlerism and to crush the treacherous Japanese will be on soon now.

Chairman Plaxco, whose vigorous efforts did much to put Brunswick county over the top in the preceding drive, will appreciate the help and suggestions of all patriotic citizens of the county. The campaign is set to open on January 18th.

Local Hospital On Approved List

J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital Among Those Getting Approval Of The American College Of Surgeons

The J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital at Southport was among the six southeastern North Carolina hospitals that received full or provisional approval by the American College of Surgeons for the year 1943, it was announced last week.

The local institution and the Baker Sanatorium in Lumberton each received provisional approval. Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville; Thompson Memorial hospital, Lumberton and the James Walker and Bullock hospitals in Wilmington were each given full approval. The James Walker hospital was also approved for training internes.

The American College of Surgeons represents some 14,000 leading surgeons in the United States, Canada and other countries. They carry on extensive work in improving hospital services each year. Their listing indicates hospital which have compiled satisfactory with the minimum requirements that insure the best care of sick and injured.

Expect A Great Crowd At Shallotte Gathering

Free Movies And Pulpwood Products Exhibits By Southern Kraft Division Of International Paper Company Expected To Draw A Great Crowd To Shallotte School Thursday Night Of This Week

From the interest that has been manifested by farmers and land owners it appears that the Shallotte school will see a great gathering Thursday night at 7:30 when the Southern Kraft Division of the International Paper company will put on a free entertainment that is designed to give much information relative to pulpwood growing and the uses to which pulpwood is put.

The program calls for two minutes of introductory remarks. This will be followed for 38 minutes of sound moving pictures of varied subjects. This will be followed by a Southern Kraft picture, 35 minutes long, and showing the manufacture of pulpwood into its final use. A 20-minute Conservation picture will follow the above two reels.

Following the three reels of moving pictures there will be a five minute talk by a veteran of the war. County Agent Dodson

New Draft System Adopted By U. S. Selective Service

New System To Become Effective Here February 1st Eliminates Physical Exam By Local Board

PREINDUCTION FURLONGHS DISCONTINUED All 1-A Men Who Are Physically Fit Will Know At Least 3 Weeks In Advance Of Induction Date

Beginning in February Columbus county men will be inducted into the Armed Services of the United States by a new system adopted by Selective Service according to announcement Friday. The new plan will eliminate uncertainties among men classed 1-A as to whether they are physically acceptable or acceptable or not for service and will provide the men with three or more weeks of notice of induction if they are acceptable. There will be no more physical examinations by local draft boards.

Many uncertainties and inconveniences will be overcome by: Abolishing the present system of "screening" examination by local boards.

Giving pre-induction (final) examinations at least 21 days before the induction date.

Doing away with all post-induction furloughs, now three weeks in the army and one week in the navy.

The new system does not apply to registrants ordered to report for induction before Feb. 1 but local boards will begin at once to order a substantial number of men now in class 1-A to report for the pre-induction examinations, in addition to taking enough men in the old manner to (Continued On Page Four)

Waccamaw Farmer Hopes For Mail

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Piver, of the Ash community, found out Monday that the new bus line between Whiteville and Southport offered a very convenient way of reaching Southport and getting back home, whether it was to attend court here or just an ordinary matter of business. The couple came in Monday and Mr. Piver, talking to a representative of this paper, was much pleased with the bus passenger service. He was still more pleased at the prospect of the bus lines being able to get a mail contract between Whiteville and Southport, thereby putting an end to the extremely poor mail service that the lower part of the county has always had.

Find Comfort In Being Together

Quite a number of Brunswick boys who have recently been inducted into service are reported as being stationed in the same barracks at Bainbridge. They write home that they get comfort and that it lessens homesickness to be together. Among the boys from Brunswick at this camp are Palmer Bellamy, Lindberg Holden, Norwood Reynolds and Lennon Swain, all of Shallotte.

Merchants May Claim Discount On Sale Tax

Although Some Failed To Claim The 3 Per Cent. Allowed By Law They Can Get It Now

3 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON SALES - USE TAXES

According To Section 407 Of The Revenue Act, The Merchants Can Get A Refund If They Have Already Paid

Under date of Nov. 1, 1943 each registered merchant was sent a notice to the effect that unless the discount of three per cent, allowable on sales and use taxes by virtue of Section 407 of the Revenue Act, was claimed at the time of making his monthly remittance to the Department of Revenue, same would be lost.

Since mailing this notice we have decided, after consultation with the Attorney General, that, if a taxpayer has filed on time his July, 1943, sales or use tax return (due to be filed on or before August 15) or has filed on time any such return due thereafter, and has actually paid the tax due on each such return, but has failed to deduct the three per cent, he may claim and deduct the three per cent on a future report. It is suggested, however, that any merchant who has failed to claim this discount should make such claim on his next monthly report to this Division. (Line 15 on the monthly sales tax report from provides space for this deduction).

At this time of claiming this past due credit, the taxpayers are required to attach to the return, on which the claim is made, an itemized statement showing the month or months on which the discount was due and the amount of tax actually paid for that month or months, announced W. A. Baker, chief of sales and Use Tax division.

Army Pilot Lands In Green Swamp

Forced Down By Engine Trouble, Pilot Of Thunderbolt Fighter Remained In Swamp For Twenty Four Hours Awaiting Rescue

An army pilot from Blumenthal field, his name not disclosed by the Public Relations officials, made an emergency landing in Green Swamp, about ten miles west of Bolivia, last Wednesday. His landing was apparently forced by engine trouble. He was rescued Thursday afternoon, 24 hours after he was forced down.

The plane, a Thunderbolt fighter, is understood to have not been badly damaged. It is reported to have already been removed, a job that was attended with (Continued on page 4)

Our ROVING Reporter



W. B. KEZIAH

Merry Ole England must be right smart away from here. Writing us from there one December 5, 1943, a letter from Major R. I. Mintz was delivered to us on January 5, 1944. He claimed that the newspapers printed in America must be for the Americans who are staying at home. On December 5, the day on which he wrote, he had obtained a copy of the Washington Post to the Raleigh News and Observer was entered on October 24th and the first issues had not reached him on December 5th. The same thing, he said, could be said of the State Port Pilot. However, he was expecting a whole bundle of papers. Major Mintz, Rudolph to everybody in Brunswick, is with the air corps. Last year the fruit crop was almost a total failure due to a mild winter and freezes in the spring. Despite the handicap of having no fruit to put up the women folks of this county turned to their gardens and farm crops. They cannot about as much as more than they do during a year when the fruit crop is normal. This year, according to the weatherwise, will bring a splendid fruit crop. Continued cold weather has been holding buds and plants back. When spring comes it will probably come to stay. At any rate, farmers and farm women say that it is their expectation of having a good fruit crop. Should their expectations prove true and the war go on through the summer there will be much to do in the way of preserving foodstuffs on the farms.

War times have made the county agent's office indispensable to farmers. Whether they grow foodstuffs for home consumption or purely commercial crops, it is essential that all farmers keep in touch with the office of the agent. Realizing this fact, and also how difficult it often is for a farmer to get in touch with the agent for information on every matter that comes up, the State Port Pilot has been and will continue to keep as closely in touch with the office as possible. Believing it a public service that will be helpful to a great many (Continued on page 4)

General Clark Discusses Strategy



SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—General Mark Clark, Commander of the American 5th Army recently paid a visit at the headquarters of the Italian Commander, General Capino, during which they were photographed as shown here. The Italian army is in the field again now helping to free Italy from the Germans. Both infantry and artillery units have been in action recently in the Mignano sector of the Fifth Army front.

Army Turns Chapman Over To Brunswick Sheriff

Man Who Robbed Bolivia School Brought Here For Trial After Army Officers Said His Claims Of Desertion Were Faked

STOLEN GOODS FOUND ON HIM WHEN CAUGHT

Had Sold \$400 Worth Of Stamps But Remaining \$179.00 Worth Stamps And Bonds Were Found On Him

Sheriff C. P. Willetts and Deputy Sheriff H. L. Willetts went to South Carolina Sunday night in response to an invitation from the army to get Lewis Wiles Chapman, Jr., age 21. A thorough investigation had led to the fact that he was lying when he claimed he had deserted from the army about eighteen months ago. Chapman was arrested at November 22. War bonds and Myrtle Beach on the night of war saving stamps, stolen from the Bolivia school, which had been broken into the night before, were found on him. It was his attempt to sell some of the stamps that led to his arrest and being for the Brunswick sheriff. However, when Sheriff Willetts went to get him, immediately following his arrest, he represented to army officers that he had deserted from the army. He has since been held in an army guard house while an investigation was being made as to when and where he deserted from the army. The investigation revealed that Chapman had never deserted from the army, that he had never been in the service.

Sheriff Willetts said Monday, when he placed Chapman in jail here, that he would be tried on the charge of breaking into the Bolivia school and robbing it at the term of court which convenes here on the 24th of this month. He also reported that the army officers who turned the prisoner over to him stated that one day recently Chapman tried to grab a gun from the soldier guarding him. This incident was passed up by the army and as there appears to be a certainty of Chapman being convicted of the Bolivia robbery and given a prison term the military officials were willing to let the courts take care of him.

Among the things stolen from the school were \$182.00 in war bonds and war saving stamps (Continued on page 2)

Liquor Defendant Got \$100.00 Fine

Caught At Still In North West, James Grady, Colored, Got Twelve Months On Roads With Alternative Of Heavy Fine

Only five cases, three of them being continuances from previous session, came up for disposal at the Recorder's Court of Judge John B. Ward, Monday. Of chief interest was one charging James Grady with manufacturing and possession. He was captured at a whiskey still in North West township. Judge Ward sentenced Grady, a negro, to twelve months on the roads. This sentence was suspended on the defendant paying a fine of \$100.00 and the costs of the case, an additional condition was that he be of good behavior for two years. The other cases disposed of were as follows:

W. O. Welsh, failure to stop at stop sign, judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

David Bryant, retailing, not guilty.

Moe Patton, slander, continued to January 17th.

Mrs. Ethel Hewett and Ersell Evans, assault, continued to January 17th.

Stills Taken Near Phoenix

Rural Policeman Perry Still Getting Operators Along With Their Moonshine Stills In Northwest Township

Rural Policeman O. W. Perry, assisted by M. B. Chinnis, captured a 150 gallon still and the alleged operator, James Grady, colored, near Phoenix last week. Along with the still and Grady, the officers took and destroyed a 300-gallon vat and eleven barrels of mash. They also seized eight gallons of non tax-paid (Continued on page 4)

Ration Tokens To Become Valid On February 27

New Ration Token Plan Will Not Change Housewife's Point Buying Power Says OPA

CHANGE WILL NOT LOWER POINT VALUE

Will Average About Four Less Meat-Fats Points Than At Present

RALEIGH, Jan. 13.—The new ration token plan effective next February 27 will not change the housewife's point buying power, the Raleigh district Office of Price Administration said today, even though, on a monthly basis, she will average about four less meat-fats points than at present, and two more processed foods points.

The fact that ration buying power will be kept stable was pointed out by OPA because reports indicate that some people believe the change over to token shopping may involve a loss of red stamp buying power and a gain in blue stamp buying power. However, this is wrong. Buying power under rationing will be kept on even keel by adjusting point values very slightly at the time the new plan goes into effect.

Under the present rationing program, 16 points become valid for meats and fats at the beginning of each week — roughly a total of 64 points a month. Under the token plan 30 points will become valid at the beginning of each two-week period, a total of approximately 60 points each month.

At present, 48 points become valid for processed foods each month. Under the token plan 50 points will become valid on the first of each month.

Point values will be slightly lowered so that the housewife will be able to get the same amount of meats-fats with her 60 points as she now gets with her 64 points. Similarly, processed food point values will be adjusted upward slightly so that the housewife's 50 points under the token plan will buy no more than she now gets with her 48 points.

On February 27, with the beginning of the token plan, five blue stamps — A8, B8, D8, and E8 — become valid for processed foods, and three red stamps, — A8, B8, and C8 — become good for meats-fats. All these stamps are in War Ration Book Four. Each stamp, regardless of the number printed upon it, will have a ration value of 10 points.

When making a purchase, the housewife will give the retailer stamps valued at 10 points each. If the stamps do not total to the exact amount of her purchases she will receive red tokens in change for the red meats stamps and blue tokens in change for the blue processed food stamps. For example, if a consumer purchases processed foods which require 17 points, she may give the retailer 2 blue stamps (20 points) and receive 3 blue tokens in change.

Tokens will have a ration value of one point each, and they will have no expiration date. They can be used at any time for making purchases. For example, if a purchase of meat requires 12 red points, the consumer may give the retailer one red stamp valued at 10 points and two red tokens. (Continued on page 4)

Jesse Jenkins Dies At Leland

Jesse Jenkins, 61, who resided near Leland, died at his home Thursday morning, his death following upon a long illness. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon and burial was in the Spofford cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Daisy Jenkins; one daughter, Mrs. Daisy Inze; three sons, William, Clem and Dennis Jenkins, all of Leland.

NEWS BRIEFS

GETS MEDICAL DISCHARGE William C. Leonard, of Bolivia, has received a medical discharge from the army after serving for more than a year. He is now at his home at Bolivia. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Leonard, have three other sons serving in the army and navy.