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## Dewey Concedes National Election To FDR; County Balloting Running Close

W. Ruark Elected To House Of Representatives Over Clarence Jenrette

REGISTER OF DEEDS TO BE A. J. WALTON

Races Result In Overwhelming Democratic Victory

According to the unofficial returns of the Brunswick County election, the county in yesterday's election elected in a complete victory for the Democratic party on national, state and county tickets.

In the county election the race was for the office of Register of Deeds where the returns show A. J. Walton to be leading London Lewis by a total of 24 votes. J. W. Bowers pulled up a larger majority in the race with Clarence Jenrette, republican candidate for House of Representatives.

Counting of votes will begin Thursday morning at 11 o'clock according to David Ross, chairman of the Board of Election. An official tabulation will be in next week's Pilot. It is possible to give anything except unofficial returns until the election is officially counted.

In the national race, Roosevelt led that at 3:30 Wednesday morning Governor Thomas Dewey, republican candidate for president, conceded the election to his opponent, Franklin Roosevelt and sent him a message which was described by the display of sportsmanship. The state gubernatorial race, where Cherry of Gastonia defeated the republican candidate, Dick Patton by a large majority was elected to represent North Carolina in the U. S. Senate seat formerly occupied by Reynolds. All other democratic candidates were elected.

## Heavy Losses In Cholera Epidemic

Northwest Township And Coastal Section Suffering From Ravage Of Swine Disease

Northwest township and the coastal section of Southport, where hog cholera has been very bad during the past several days. The Howell's Point farm seems to have suffered the heaviest losses, so far. Elwood Simmons of that section had lost 10 hogs at last reports. Mr. Clemmens lives at Supply but has several hundred acres of land under cultivation at Howell's Point.

Frederick Swain has also lost 10 hogs below Long Beach. In northwest township H. O. Peterson (Continued on Page 3)

## Brief News Flashes

COURT MONDAY

Due to the pre-election activity there was no session of the Recorder's Court Monday. Arrests made during the past week were for trial next Monday.

HAS BEEN ILL

Little Miss Donna Jane Larsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Larsen, has been ill at her home since now improving.

LOSES RIGHT EYE

While engaged in farm work several weeks ago, Frank Lennon, one of the best known young farmers of the Supply community, suffered an injury to his right eye from a flying piece of steel. He has since entirely lost the use of the eye.

RETURNING TO STATES

John Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Simmons of Southport, is returning to the U. S. from the Coast Guard. He advises his parents he will be at home for a short leave on about the 15th of this month. He has been in the South Pacific.

### UNOFFICIAL TABULATION OF COUNTY VOTE

Precinct	Representative				R. of Deeds			
	Ruark	Jenrette	Walton	Lewis	Ruark	Jenrette	Walton	Lewis
Hoods Creek	40	40	41	40				
Leland	226	49	230	49				
Town Creek	255	192	247	212				
Bolivia	128		145	232				
Mosquito	26	50	28	50				
Smithville	513	144	488	175				
Supply	57	155	61	157				
Secession	150	67	148	72				
Shalotte	152	186	152	186				
Frying Pan	154	106	154	106				
Grissetown			64	93				
Shingletree			98	160				
Longwood	25	93	36	79				
Ash	143	300	156	287				
Waccamaw	39	165	37	163				
Exum	53	71	67	67				
Total	1921	1618	2152	2128				

## Rugged Training For County Man With Coast Guard

Roy McKeithan, Now With Crew Of LST, Preparing For Stiff Going Ahead

FIRST SAW SERVICE HERE AT OAK ISLAND

Has Been In Active Branch Of The Service Since Before The Beginning Of War

Roy A. McKeithan, Brunswick county boy who first saw training at the Oak Island Coast Guard station, and who has been in the most active fields of service in which the Coast Guard participates, is now training as a member of the crew of a LST (Landing Ship, Tanks). The following account of the training which he is now taking was written by a regular Coast Guard correspondent:

ABOARD THE LST 831 — Sprinting over a thousand-yard obstacle course which varied between ditches 10 feet deep and barriers 30 feet high in an average time of three minutes and forty-five seconds has been only part of a day's work for Coast Guardsman Roy A. McKeithan of Southport, and his fellow crew members, who soon will take this ship to a war zone.

Officers and men have just completed their training at a Navy amphibious base and are ready to face the toughest of obstacles. Besides learning the theories of expected future problems, the crew has acquired a practical knowledge of every hazard they are apt to face.

Whole days were spent in actually fighting fires of every description until each man became an experienced fire fighter. They crawled through booby-trapped areas and the men who were unfortunate enough to set off one of the traps—a small but unpleasant fire-cracker—were subject to the laughter of their mates while they retired to the side-lines as a "battle casualty."

By plugging water - spouting (Continued on Page Six)

## Ceiling Prices Fixed On Hogs

Action Taken On October 30th Fixes Ceiling Prices On Live Hogs Of Varying Weights For Market

According to announcement from the county AAA office at Supply, the ceiling price on live hogs weighing 240 pounds and under has been extended to hogs weighing 270 pounds and under. The price is \$14.75 per hundred. The price is \$14.75 per hundred. The price is \$14.75 per hundred.

This action, became effective October 30, 1944 and was taken because of the greatly improved feed situation in relation to the number of hogs and because the hog crop for the current season of 1945 is below anticipated production. Wholesale and retail price levels will not be effected as to dressed pork or meat cuts.

## New Registrants With Local Board

Eight white and three colored men composed the list of registrants with the Selective Service Board during the month of October. The men and their addresses are: Wilbur Franklin Wigner, Bolivia; Robert Lee Rabon, Jr., Winnabow; Leo Russ, Freeland; Joseph Carl Pruitt, Freeland; James Norwood Willets, Bolivia; Linwood Gray, Shallotte; Walter Iredell Gore, Jr., Leland; Edward Freeman Hewett, Shallotte.

## Farmers To Elect Committeemen

Election On November 22 For Men Who Will Have Important Roles In Connection With Post-War Farming

Farmer committeemen who will have important roles in war and post-war farm problems will be named at AAA elections in Brunswick County on November 22, according to C. O. Bennett, Chairman of the county AAA committee. Locations and dates of the elections will be announced as soon as they are arranged.

Farmers from each AAA community will choose three committeemen and two alternates, and delegates elected at these meetings later will name three members and two alternates for the county AAA committee. All farmers who have or will participate during 1944 in any phase of the AAA program, such as carrying out approved soil-building practices, are eligible to vote in AAA community elections. Committeemen elected at this time represent both their neighbors. (Continued on page four)

## Fine Citizen Of Bolivia Dies

Joel Long Passed Suddenly Saturday Morning After Long Period Of Slowly Declining Health

Joel Long, eighty year old resident of Bolivia, died suddenly at his home Saturday morning. He had not been ill but had been experiencing a long period of gradually failing health, due to his age.

For many years Mr. Long and his wife, who survives him, had operated a dining room at Bolivia. Serving the public in this capacity, he became widely known. Possessing a friendly (Continued on Page Four)

## Kills Big 'Possum Invading Henroost

Awakened by the squawking of chickens in a coop in the yard at his home at midnight, Sunday night, Mrs. Maxine Fulcher provided herself with a good stout stick and went to investigate. The disturber of the hen roost proved to be one of the largest 'possums that 'possums known to have been seen in Southport. A few blows from Mrs. Fulcher's cudgel and the 'possum was really dead and not just playing it.

## Still The Champ



On the basis of incomplete returns, the election of President Roosevelt for a fourth term as president of the United States has been conceded.

## Study Course At Baptist Churches

Miss Grayson, Returned Missionary From China To Hold Study Courses At Various Churches

Miss Alda Grayson, Missionary from China, is preparing to teach a series of Study Courses and will also speak at various churches in Brunswick county during the coming week.

Her speaking appointments are at Bolivia church Sunday morning, Nov. 12; at Mt. Pisgah Sunday evening at 3:00 o'clock; at Mill Creek church November 19 at 3:00 o'clock.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the above services and also the Study Courses, which will be held at 7:30 each night at the following places and dates: Mt. Pisgah, Nov. 12th through 15th; Southport, Nov. 16th through 18th; Mill Creek, Nov. 19th through 21st; Lebanon, Nov. 22nd through 24th.

## School Carnival Was A Success

Nice Sum Of Money Raised For Various School Projects

The Southport School presented a Halloween Carnival on the night of October 31st and the sum of \$336.00 was raised and will be used for various things which are needed at the school, among them a motion picture projector and athletic equipment. The coronation of the king and queen of the carnival was the high spot of the evening's entertainment. After five minutes of exciting, last minute voting on the kings and queens from the high school and primary and grammar school departments, Billy Doshier and Joy Lynn Bell were elected King and Queen. Joy Lynn was acting for Patricia Adams. Each was presented with a box of candy as prize.

Immediately following the coronation the costume parade was held and the prizes for the two (Continued on Page Five)

### Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

There seems to be anywhere from 50 to 100 per cent increase in the turkey crop this year. Last year the birds turned out to be much in demand and profitable to the owners. This spring good flocks of young birds were hatched and grew for several weeks without being bothered by rains which cause wet feathers. A condition nearly always fatal to young turkeys. A day or two ago we met up with H. H. Hewett, of Supply. An inquiry about his turkeys led to the information that he has 165 birds, all large enough for the table now. Last year he had only a hundred birds. Instead of information regarding other raisers in the county is to the effect that all of them have large flocks than last year. In most cases the birds are much heavier. Phil Dodson of Freeland, a partner with his father in all of the farming operations on the Dodson farm, is not getting so many eggs just at this time. The condition is due to the fact that the birds are in the moult and are getting ready for some really fancy laying a little later on. This week an inquiry of Mr. Dodson regarding how many eggs he was now getting daily, brought the response, "Not many, only a little over a crate a day." A crate, it may be mentioned, is composed of 30 dozen eggs. A crate of eggs a day may not sound bad, but when it is considered that the Dodsons have twenty-one hundred layers a different angle is given things. A little later when the Dodson hens get to laying 20 or more crates of eggs each day things will be getting more business like. (Continued on Page Five)

## Colonel Potts Designated To Present Silver Star

Legion To Have A Dutch Supper

Crawford Rourke, adjutant of the Brunswick County Post 194, has announced that the Legion will have a Dutch Supper at the U. S. O. building Saturday night, November 11th. All members of the Legion are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is also extended to all veterans of World War One and Two, who have been honorably discharged, to attend. A square dance will be held following the supper.

## Bowers Rebuilds Wrecked Bridge

Structure Damaged In Car-Tanker Wreck In September To Be Rebuilt

The State Highway Commission has awarded the contract for the rebuilding of the Sturgeon Creek bridge, near Leland to J. S. Bowers of Whiteville and Raleigh. It is understood that the amount involved is in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

The bridge, by reason of its narrowness and being on an abrupt turn, has been a dangerous problem to traffic for the past several years. The rebuilding involves the widening of the structure from 20 to 34 feet. It is to have a concrete timber foundation and timber piling, like the bridge over the Lookwoods Folly River at Supply. The flooring and hand rails will be of concrete.

In a wreck at the bridge on September 27th, one person was (Continued on Page Five)

## Still Working On Mail Route

Bus Company Still Trying For Mail Contract Between Whiteville And Southport Points

Hubert Livingston, general manager for the W. B. & S. Bus Lines, Inc., stated recently that the corporation was still trying to get mail service between Whiteville and Southport. This would give Old Dock, in Columbus County, Ash, Freeland, Longwood, Shallotte and Supply far better service than that which now exists.

The corporation operates only one bus a day between Southport and Whiteville, leaving Southport at 7:30 in the morning and returning in leaves Whiteville at 4:30 p. m. This gives a lot of people an opportunity to travel to Whiteville and spend a few hours there. On the other hand, people using the bus service and (Continued on Page Five)

## Is Serving Off French Coast

Small Coast Guard Boat on Which Southporter Serves Rescued 1200 On D-Day

Writing this paper from somewhere in the British Isles, Jerry Doshier, a Southport boy, son of Captain A. J. Doshier of the U. S. E. Dredge Absecon, says he enjoys reading his hometown newspaper and appreciates it more than almost anything else he gets from home. He is a Seaman 1st Class in the Coast Guard, was in the invasion of France and has made several trips back and forth between France and the British Isles. Jerry, who is a nephew of (Continued on Page Five)

## Qualifies As A Sharpshooter

Pvt. Graham M. Roberson of Winnabow is with the 174th Infantry Replacement Training Battalion at Camp Hood, Texas. He has recently qualified as Sharpshooter with the Army M-1 Rifle. A dispatch from the training center says that Pvt. Roberson has also fired the .30 calibre carbine, the Anti-tank Rocket Launcher (Bazooka), and Rifle Grenades. He has thrown Hand Grenades under simulated combat conditions and later in his training he will fire the Light Machine Gun, the 60mm Mortar, and the Browning Automatic Rifle and will fire all these weapons under simulated combat conditions. (Continued on Page 4)

Commanding Officer At Camp Davis To Be Here Saturday Night To Present Medal To Mother Of Captain Bragaw

CREMONEY WILL FOLLOW AMERICAN LEGION BANQUET

Public Invited To Be At U. S. O. At Nine O'clock Saturday Night To Witness Presentation

Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General of the Fourth Service Command, has designated Colonel A. E. Potts, Commanding Officer at Camp Davis, to come to Southport Saturday night and present the Silver Star to Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw, mother of Captain Henry Churchill Bragaw, who was killed in action in Italy last January while gallantly leading his company.

It was at first planned to have Mrs. Bragaw go to Camp Davis for the presentation with appropriate military ceremonies. Learning her health was such that it was not advisable for her to make the trip, Colonel Potts wrote yesterday that he would come to Southport and make the presentation personally at any time she desired.

The Brunswick Post American Legion is to have a banquet at the local U. S. O. building Saturday night. This will be staged at 7:30. Following a conference with Commander Charles Trott, Joe Loughlin and Crawford Rourke, of the Legion Post, it was decided to make the presentation of the Posthumous medal to Mrs. Bragaw at the U. S. O. at 9:00 o'clock Saturday night.

Colonel Potts will be a guest of honor at the Legion Banquet, which is in the nature of a Dutch treat and only for members of the Legion and ex-service men. Following this banquet and a brief business session the general public is invited to be at the U. S. O. at nine o'clock to witness the presentation.

At the presentation the Legion members will take an active part.

## Mrs. R. C. Fergus Killed In Wreck

Collision Of Cars At Ocean Drive Fatal To Mother Of Local Physician; Husband Badly Injured

Mrs. Roy C. Fergus, of Carolina Beach and Wilmington, mother of Dr. L. C. Fergus, of Southport, was instantly killed Thursday night when she was thrown through the windshield of the car owned and driven by her husband. The Fergus car and a machine owned and driven by Mrs. Mary Mortensen, of Cherry Grove Beach, were in a collision at Ocean Drive, near Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Mr. Fergus is said to have sustained a compound fracture of the skull and other injuries. He was brought to the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial hospital and is still in a serious condition, but it is thought he will recover. Dr. Fergus, who went to Myrtle Beach immediately after the wreck, superintended the removal of his father to the local hospital.

Mrs. Mortensen, the driver of the car which collided with the Fergus machine, sustained lacerations of the knee and chin and other minor injuries. Her two (Continued on Page Four)

## Roscoe F. Long Killed In Germany

Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Hosea Long Of Supply Meets Death Serving With Hospital Unit

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hosea Long of Supply have received official notice from the War Department that their son, Roscoe F. Long, was killed in Germany on October 2, 1944.

No details were given but the young man was serving with a field hospital unit when last heard from, shortly before he was killed.

He was 22 years of age, was married about two years ago to Miss Elizabeth Hannah Stanton, of South Carolina. They have no children. In addition to the parents, several brothers and sisters survive. One of the brothers, Guy M. Long, is serving with the army in Germany, in the same area where Roscoe was killed. Another (Continued on Page 4)

## Farm Federation Meeting Friday A Great Success

Ladies Of The County Did Themselves Proud With Great Variety Of Home Made Exhibits

DEMONSTRATE USE OF LOWLY FEED BAGS

Good Attendance At Annual Gathering Of Farm Men And Women At Bolivia School House

The Farm and Home Federation Meeting at Bolivia on Friday night was outstanding in the great number of exhibits made from feed bags by the club women of the county. These exhibits included both wearing apparel and home furnishings, all made from bags in which various feeds are packed by the manufacturers. Dinner was served picnic style and there was more than enough for the large gathering. Along with the abundance the variety was most pleasing and appetizing.

Following the dinner the gathering adjourned from the gymnasium to the auditorium of the school building, where a short but splendid program was given. This consisted of the song, "America," Pledge to the Flag and Prayer. Mrs. Carl S. Ward then delivered the welcome. The program included an address by John H. Harris, horticulturist at State College, the recognition of visitors, and the installation of new officers.

Among the visitors from outside the county were County Agent Charles Raper, of Whiteville; Miss Genevieve Eakes, former Brunswick home agent and now holding the same position in Columbus; H. E. Blanchard, forester for Brunswick and Columbus counties; John H. Harris, State Horticulturist and Miss Verna Stanton, District Home Agent.

Returning to the gymnasium an entertainment program consisting of games was given. This was followed by the presentation of prizes in the feed bag sewing (Continued on Page Four)

## Armistice Day To Be Observed

County Offices Will Be Closed Saturday In Observance Of End Of First World War

November 11, Armistice Day, was declared a holiday for county employees and officials by the board of county commissioners in session here Monday. In accordance with state laws, yesterday, election day, was also declared a holiday and observed accordingly.

Beyond requesting the welfare officer to investigate two cases on which they had received reports, the time of the board was taken up in handling various tax matters that came up Monday. It is understood that a meeting of the board will be held shortly to consider the matter of the county home.

## Ration Pointers

CANNING SUGAR Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local board for supplemental rations.

FUEL OIL Period 4 and 5 coupons now valid and will remain valid throughout the heating year. Period 1 coupons for next season now valid.

GASOLINE A-11 coupons now valid for three gallons each through November 8. "A-13" coupons good for four gallons each become valid November 9.

MEATS & FATS Red A8 through P5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS Blue A-8 through R-5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each. S-5 through W-5 become valid November 1st.

SHOES Airplane Stamp No. 1 and 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely. Airplane Stamp No. 3 becomes valid on November 1.

SUGAR Sugar Stamps No. 30, 31 and 33 (Book 4) good for five pounds of sugar each indefinitely. Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number and State on all gasoline coupons in his possession. (Continued on Page 4)