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## In Thousand-Plane Raid on German City



First picture of a bomber crew, composed entirely of Australian fliers, standing by the Stirling bomber that came back from the great raid on the German industrial city of Cologne. Crews from all parts of the British empire were participants in the raid in which more than 1,000 planes rained high explosives and incendiaries, doing terrific damage.

## Gas Ration Units Have Double Value

Washington, June 14.—Motorists who have used up all the units on their "A" and "B" ration cards were warned tonight they will be unable to get more gasoline for the next 30 days unless they first convince a local rationing board of their need.

The office of Price Administration made the statement shortly before its order raising the value of each unit from three gallons to six gallons went into effect at midnight, along with a rubber salvage campaign by which it is hoped to avert nationwide rationing. The unit value was doubled to enable motorists to continue to operate their cars until July 15 when a permanent and more stringent east coast rationing system goes into effect.

Originally this plan was to have started on July 1 and the temporary cards now held by motorists were intended to meet their driving needs only through June 30.

"Some motorists have the impression that if their units are all used they should automatically receive more units for the two-week period between June 30 and July 15," said Joel Dean, chief of the fuel ration branch of OPA. "This is not the case. The cards now in use were issued to car owners with enough units to provide for their gasoline needs through June 30."

"Motorists who have been using their cars only for necessary driving should have a proportionate number of units left on June 15. These units now have double the value they formerly had, and should, therefore, allow card holders enough gasoline for a period twice as long. In other words with the units on their cards, card holders should be able to get enough gasoline to last them, not for two weeks, but for four—until July 15."

The person who applies to a local rationing board for an additional gas allowance is not entitled to it simply because he or she has exhausted all ration card units, said Dean. The application must be based on actual need for additional gasoline between now and July 15, he asserted.

Registration for the permanent ration books will take place on July 1, 2 and 3 at local schools. Only "A" books containing 48 coupons for the coming year will be issued. Eight coupons may be used during any 60-day period, starting July 15.

Your county has a War Bond Quota to meet this month. Is your own household budget apportioned so that you will put 10 per cent into war Bonds?

### Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

We just happened to run across the following — some time ago when PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT visited the State, CARL GADDY, popular Selma attorney, was standing near the President when he overheard him ask his secretary for a cigarette—the secretary fumbled in his pockets and told the Chief Executive he was sorry but he did not have one—CARL immediately pulled out a package of Chesterfields and presented MR. ROOSEVELT with one—"thanks, my kind friend," he told the Selma lawyer—the President then asked for a match and CARL kindly obliged him with a match—WALT GODWIN will have a birthday on next Sunday, Father's Day—he is entitled to two presents—the many friends of CHIEF GRIFFIN, who has been seriously ill, will be glad to learn that he is improving and hopes to be out again soon.

## WAKE MAN HELD IN WRECK DEATH

### Harward Under Manslaughter Charge; Sampson Negro Was Killed in Crash.

D. L. Harward, 36, of Raleigh, was released Sunday under \$1,000 bond on charges of manslaughter in connection with the death of Samuel Williams, Negro of Newton Grove, in an automobile collision near the Johnston-Sampson county line early Sunday morning.

Patrolman H. C. Bobbitt, who investigated the accident, said Harward was driving alone at the time.

Almond Lockamy, another Negro, was seriously injured and is a patient at a Fayetteville hospital. Melvin Lockamy, driver of the car, escaped with minor cuts.

Harward was traveling toward Clinton, while the Negroes were coming toward Smithfield when the left front of the Raleigh man's car hit the left rear of the other vehicle, causing the latter to swerve around and roll over, Bobbitt said.

Harward is scheduled to appear before Magistrate E. C. Jones Thursday for a preliminary hearing. There will be no coroner's inquest, said Patrolman Bobbitt, who was authorized by Coroner E. N. Booker to have the body removed.

## Aid for Greece



King George II of Greece, who arrived here for a series of conferences with the President to plan aid for his conquered country. He was a guest at the White House.

## Farmers Facing New Tire and Gas Problem

Johnston County farmers are warned by members of the County USDA War Board, local leaders in the wartime farm production drive, that both repair parts and tires for farm cars and trucks will become increasingly scarce during coming months and that vigorous conservation efforts must be undertaken immediately, said County Agent M. A. Morgan one day this week. Mr. Morgan is Secretary of the Johnston County USDA War Board.

The board urges that farmers give immediate thought to ways of cutting down on driving, such as "share-your-car" and "share-your-truck" methods of neighborhood pooling.

The President, in his message to us told of the seriousness of the rubber situation. Preference ratings with local tire rationing boards won't do any good when the tires are gone, nor will there be any more repair parts after automobile supply shelves have been cleaned out, declared P. B. Chamblee, war board chairman.

"You should drive your car and your truck as carefully as you can, you weren't expecting a replacement tire or repair part for the duration," he said. "Every farmer should let his neighbors know when he goes to town and offer to take them or run errands for them. All of us should drive just as little as possible, but when a trip is necessary it should serve more than one family."

Mr. Chamblee said that the tire situation is far more serious than most people realize. He pointed out that Japan has captured the Far Eastern area which used to furnish 98 per cent of the U. S. rubber. The stock pile on hand is being used rapidly for military needs, and there will be no new tires for civilians. It will be some months before there will be much synthetic rubber produced, and most of this will go for war purposes. Similarly, crude rubber from Brazil and from the Guayule plant, as well as reclaimed rubber, must go toward winning the war rather than making tires for civilians.

"It's a case of no tires, no new trucks, and a shortage of repair parts," the chairman declared. "But I know we can lick it instead of letting it lick us. We'll have to dust off our old-time spirit of pioneer neighborliness and work this out together. Our job is to produce food that will win the war, and get it to market. I know we can do both."

## War Bonds Offered For Most Rubber Salvaged

The county salvage committee has announced a contest to stimulate the rubber campaign which started Monday and will continue until July 1.

A \$50 war bond will be awarded to the person or organization that sells or donates the most waste rubber during the 15-day period ending June 30, and a \$25 war bond is offered as second prize in the contest.

The prizes are made possible by oil dealers, auto accessory firms and garages of the county, which are also cooperating in promoting the rubber drive through the newspaper.

Contestants must submit their entries to Chairman C. E. Bingham of the county salvage committee or leave them at the salvage office in the Thornton building, where Miss Ada Flowers is in charge.

Entries must show bills of sale bearing the signature of an authorized junk dealer, including all filling stations. If rubber is donated, a receipt should be obtained showing the weight.

The contest will be decided by the county salvage committee.

Unnecessary spending in war times is sabotage—whether conscious or not. Your dollars are needed for war production. Help your state meet its War Bond Quota.

## Kiwanis Program Put On By T. L. Hedgpeth

T. L. Hedgpeth of the Carolina Power & Light company, conducted the program at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening.

Mr. Hedgpeth is one of the new members of the club, but he demonstrated that he is a live Kiwanian and that he knows all the local Kiwanians and their respective avocations. He called each one by name and told the kind of work he was engaged in; and by way of a little humor, the speaker introduced a few reasons why it would be best not to meddle in the affairs of these boys who are more or less specialists in their respective lines.

After surveying the membership, Mr. Hedgpeth said he found that almost every phase in the industrial, commercial, professional, social and religious life of the community is represented in the Kiwanis club here, which he thought was a mighty fine thing.

On motion of Kiwanian H. H. Lowry, chairman of the Music Committee, and seconded by Dr. E. N. Booker, Mrs. D. M. Clemmons was elected sponsor of the local club, succeeding Miss Naomi Smith.

The club voted to change the meeting hour from 7 to 7:15, in order to give the merchants of the town who are members of the club, an opportunity to get there on time, since they close their stores at 7 o'clock.

Chief Bradley Pearce was appointed program chairman for tonight (Thursday) and we understand that a splendid program has been prepared.

## Those Tires You Need Are Barred by Speed

Sergeant V. R. Mallard of the state highway patrol, says that patrolmen are being instructed to take the license numbers of trucks and busses traveling at a speed of more than 40 miles an hour.

Specific information regarding excessive speeds by busses and trucks has been requested by Federal authorities and will be turned over to rationing boards for possible use in withholding permits for tires.

The patrol officer also called attention to the fact that President Roosevelt has appealed to all motorists to cut their speed to 40 miles an hour or under to conserve rubber for the war effort.

"The state speed limit for passenger cars is still 60 miles an hour and it is not a violation to drive over 40 miles an hour," Sergeant Mallard said. "However, the highway patrol is hoping that the public will cooperate and follow the President's appeal by voluntarily cutting speed to below 40 miles an hour."

## Vacation Church School To Begin June 22nd

The Vacation Church School at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church will begin June 22 and will continue through July 3.

Registration will be held Saturday afternoon at the church from the hours of 3 to 5 on June 20.

Plans are being made to take care of the children and young people between the ages of 4-16.

The interest that has been manifested points to one of our best years in this growing work in our church.

We are inviting all the children and young people of the community to come and share the good times with us.

## SELMA YOUTH IN NAVAL RESERVE

Atlanta, Ga.—Selma, N. C. sent another young man into the armed services when John Clark Diehl, Jr., enlisted for Naval aviation training in the Naval Reserve.

Diehl, 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Diehl. A graduate of Selma high school, he attended N. C. State College for nearly two years. He has had nearly two years of ROTC training and previous CPT flight instruction.

Enlisted Wednesday at the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, the young Selma man will soon be ordered to one of the Navy's new pre-flight schools at the Universities of Georgia and North Carolina. Officer pilot instruction will follow at one of the Naval Reserve Aviation Bases and at one of the three great Naval Air Stations in Pensacola, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi, Texas, where advanced instruction will qualify Diehl for his Navy Wings and a commission as a young flying officer.

## Parole Sought For James E. Tharrington

James E. Tharrington, who has served less than four years of a 25 to 30 years sentence for the killing of John McMillan, Selma filling station operator, in 1938, is having his counsel prepare the necessary papers asking for parole within the next 15 days, it was announced Friday by Bunn and Arendell, who represent the prisoner.

Tharrington was found guilty of second degree murder in Johnston county Superior court, following one of the most sensational trials ever held in the county, and the sentence was passed by Judge Hubert E. Olive on July 30, 1938.

Following the trial and sentence of Tharrington, Paul McMillan, administrator on the estate of his brother, John McMillan, brought civil action against Tharrington for the wrongful slaying of his brother.

In October, 1939, a compromise was entered in Johnston County Superior Court whereby the McMillan estate was awarded \$7,500. Court records are reported to show that to date only \$1,500 of the above amount has been paid.

## Lawrence Wallace Heads USO Drive

Lawrence Wallace, Smithfield attorney, has been appointed by Governor Broughton to lead the drive in Johnston county to raise Johnston county's quota in the USO drive, which has been set at \$1,500 for the year.

Governor Broughton is honorary chairman and George M. Ivey, of Charlotte, is State Chairman for North Carolina.

The goal set for North Carolina is \$444,000, and the national goal set for this USO War Fund has been set at 32 million dollars.

## Mrs. Brock's Father Dies At Rose Hill

Mr. Jacob H. Rouse, prominent citizen of the Rose Hill section, died at his home on last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, after a lingering illness. He was the father of Mrs. Archie L. Brock, of Selma.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon, the burial taking place in the Dunn City Cemetery.

## Buck Passing and Jealousy Crippling Law Enforcement

### Thorough Investigation Needed To Assure A Clean-Up Of Sore Spots

By TOM LASSITER (THE SMITHFIELD HERALD)

Law enforcement in Johnston county is ridden with political jealousy, crime-breeding indifference and denial of responsibility, wilful negligence in the performance of duty and political favoritism, and apparently nothing short of a deep-boring investigation by public representatives having the fortitude to let findings speak for themselves will clean out the cankerous spots and give the people the kind of protection they deserve for their tax money.

## BEASLEY IS HELD IN GAMBLING CASE

### Smithfield Man Convicted in County Court of Running Gaming Room

Smithfield, June 16.—Charlie Beasley, prominent business man of Smithfield, was tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning and found guilty of possessing slot machines and running a gaming room for the purpose of gambling.

Judge Larry Wood fined him \$250 and gave him a suspended six months road sentence.

Beasley gave notice of appeal to Superior Court, and was required to post a \$300 bond.

Judge Wood had ordered the slot machines destroyed and the money divided between the raiding officer and charity, but the appeal stayed this order pending the outcome in the higher court.

The officers found two slot machines, one in Beasley's filling station and one in his store, and discovered a room fitted up for gambling.

A companionate case was one sworn out by Beasley against B. Q. Yates for giving him worthless checks for, he claimed, cash. Yates said he was paid in gambling chips and not in cash. Judge Wood found Yates guilty of passing worthless checks and taxed him with the court costs, but would not require him to make good the checks, amounting to \$70.

## Chairman Bingham Talks Rubber Again

### To All Chairmen And Spotters:

I wish to advise that I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. James B. Vogler, Executive Secretary, who has forwarded me a letter from Mr. Donald M. Nelson, from Washington, stating that our rubber situation keeps getting worse every day, and he is begging us to do everything within our power to collect any scrap iron, and rubber of every description, and get it into the right channels to get to the manufacturers. In other words, last year there was used for civilian purposes in the United States, seven hundred thousand tons of rubber. This year he advises that we will only have one hundred and fifty tons or 21 per cent of the amount available last year. In fact, he states that the biggest stock piles of the United States is in automobiles, so you can easily see the importance of every man doing his little part to get old tires, tubes, hot water bottles, rubber pads and overshoes - in fact, everything made of rubber in the line of production.

We have recently had a little good news from the battle front, but you know wlots of times we get too optimistic and lose the ball game in the last inning. Let's not get too optimistic and lose the war in the last inning.

The WPA truck that I wrote you about some time ago, is now in operation, making a house to house canvass. Last week - which was the first week - the driver collected about 30,000 lbs. of metal and about 2000 lbs. of old rubber.

Now each of you boys have a job to do, and the way I see the thing, it is just as honorable for a man to walk down the middle of the street in Smithfield - or any other town - with an old tire or metal for war purposes, and get it to where it will go into war production, as it is for a man to go down town and buy defense stamps or take a gun for his country.

We urge your cooperation with the President's all out for rubber drive. June 15th to June 30th inclusive.

Yours very truly, C. E. BINGHAM

Your pocketbook and your check book are no longer just symbols of what you can buy for yourself and your family. War Bonds are for you and your family - also for your country. Your state has a Bond Quota to meet! Remember that!

Last week produced a case in point. Smithfield township's Constable Joe Royall led a raid on a business establishment within a mile and almost in view of the county courthouse—Charlie Beasley's filling station and store suspected of carrying on gambling operations. Game Warden Bill Norton and two members of the state highway patrol—Sergeant V. R. Mallard and Patrolman H. C. Bobbitt—went along to help. A deputy sheriff—Merton J. Whitley—turned down a chance to accompany the group.

Whether justly or not, the raiding officers got the impression that Deputy Whitley's refusal to take part in the raid resulted from higher up instructions.

"Politics" Charged  
Sheriff Rose was not around when the raid occurred. Later he got word that he was being blamed for failure to cooperate in cracking down on the gambling racket. His friends were spreading the word around that political enemies of the sheriff, irred over the recent defeat at the polls of Auditor Jerry George, had inspired the gambling raid to get even with the sheriff, who was not a supporter of George.

Hearing the charges of "politics," Constable Royall and his associates of the raid denied them outright, insisted they acted against Beasley upon the persistent complaint of a citizen whose name was not divulged.

Sheriff's Denial  
The sheriff did a little denying on his own. He told the press he had never heard of illicit gambling operations at the Beasley store until he read of the raid in the paper and as far as he knew his deputies had never heard of the secretly-built game room. He declared he had heard nothing of the plans to raid the establishment, was out of town at the time, and had never instructed any of his deputies not to cooperate with other law enforcement officials in conducting raids.

Deputy Whitley's story of the raid incident was not unlike that of his boss. The deputy said he never had heard even rumors that Beasley was operating gambling devices, asserted he knew nothing of Constable Royall's raid plans until he was suddenly asked to go along and help, declared he declined to join the officers because he had something else to do.

Questioning of all concerned has failed to throw complete light on the whys and wherefores of the jealousies and suspicions that exist between Sheriff Rose and his organization on the one hand and Constable Royall, the highway patrolmen and the game warden on the other.

A Few Things Apparent

But these things are apparent: (1) Jealousies do exist between the two groups, existed long before the Beasley raid, and the raid is only the latest "incident" in a gathering storm.

(2) The feud got so hot a few months ago that the patrolmen moved their desk from a place provided gratis in the sheriff's office to a place offered free of charge in the office of Justice of the Peace Everett Jones, with whom the patrolmen and the constable and the game warden work in apparent perfect harmony.

(3) The distrust of one group for the other gives the innocent public a raw deal and consequently the distrust becomes a matter of public concern that needs a thorough airing.

But if the sheriff hasn't been impressed with the good intentions of the constable, the patrolmen, and the game warden, and if that group has not trusted the sheriff, these officers are not the only ones involved in contrivings threatening to bog down the whole system of law enforcement in Johnston county.

More Disharmony

The Smithfield police department, headed by Chief J. A. Massey, doesn't always quite harmonize with the sheriff's office and there is frequent passing of the buck when aroused citizens call for action against suspected law violators—for instance operators of Smithfield's oft-rumored downtown "liquor shops."

The Smithfield chief works under direct supervision of Mayor W. J. Huntley and the latter official is ultimately responsible for the kind of law enforcement the county seat gets for its tax expenditures. But raids are spasmodic and judging from their (Continued on page eight)