

Convention For Nominating Man For Mayor Friday

There Has Been Little Interest Or Excitement Shown In City Nominating Convention Friday Night

ERIKSEN MAY NOT HAVE OPPOSITION

Far There Has Been No Candidate Mentioned Publicly; Alderman's Race Is Also Quiet

Somebody isn't holding a candle to his sleeve there promises to be very little excitement at the nominating convention Friday night when the voters meet to elect a candidate for mayor. That meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. and is the first of four meetings that have been called by the citizens committee for the purpose of nominating a candidate for mayor, and candidates for aldermen. These are serious meetings for citizens of this community for it is an accepted custom that nomination is tantamount to election. Not in several years has an independent candidate filed as a candidate for election day.

So far, there has been no announcement of opposition for Mayor John D. Eriksen, who is completing his third term as head of the city government. Neither has there been much of a stir over the prospect of opposition for present members of the board of aldermen.

Following the mayor's nominating convention on Friday night, voters of the first ward will meet on Monday night to nominate two men for aldermen. Incumbents are R. L. Thompson and W. E. Dasher. On Tuesday night voters of the second ward nominate their candidates for aldermen, present members being Captain J. I. Davis and Captain B. Busseles. Skipping Wednesday night, because of prayer meetings, voters of the third ward assemble Thursday night to nominate two candidates for the city board. Present members are J. Berg and G. E. Hubbard.

Plans Complete For Conference

Team From Columbia Bible College Has Full Week-End In Prospect In Brunswick County

The interest and keen anticipation with which the Bible Conference is awaited by the young people in a number of places is an encouraging indication of the success of the session which will be held on April 18-19.

Some twenty-five or thirty young people are expected on Saturday from Tar Landing in Onslow county and groups from Thomasboro, Gause Landing, Little River, Hickman's, Southport and Wilmington are planning to come for Saturday. All young people of the county are most cordially invited by the Young People's Service League of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Calabash, to share in the privilege that is to be theirs.

Eight young people from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. plan to arrive in Calabash on Friday, April 18th and will be in this section until Monday. Their schedule is as follows: Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Calabash Conference for juniors, Intermediates and seniors. Saturday 10 a. m.—Continuation of Young People's Conference; recreation, 11 a. m.—Church Service, Calabash; 11 a. m.—Church Service, Thomasboro; Cornelius Thomas' store; 2:30 p. m.—Calabash; 2:30 p. m.—Gause Landing; Pigot's store; Monday, 11 a. m.—Chapel at Shallotte school.

Governor And Wife In County

Making his first visit to Brunswick county since he was inaugurated into office, Governor J. M. Broughton and a party from Raleigh were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt at Orton, Monday.

Accompanying the Governor from Raleigh were his two sons, Woodson and Robert Broughton and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. MacMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Beckwith.

FOR TREATMENT Green Lewis of Bolivia entered Dasher Memorial Hospital last Tuesday for treatment.

DREDGE BECOMES SUPPLY SHIP



TRANSFORMATION—Once a hopper dredge, the U. S. Engineers Dredge Comstock has been converted into a snappy supply ship of the Army Engineer's fleet. She is shown above with flags flying from bow to stern, sides painted a gleaming black and superstructure snow white. Inset shows the skipper, Captain O. K. Laine, and his first mate, James M. Williams.—(Courtesy Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.)

Comstock Is Converted Into Army Transport

Former 165-Foot Hopper Dredge Has Been Converted Into Passenger Boat And Freighter And Is In Trinidad

BOAT WELL KNOWN AROUND SOUTHPORT

Captain Laine And Members Of Her Present Crew Are Civilian Employees Of United States Army

The Comstock, 165-foot dredge of the Wilmington Engineering district, based at Southport from the time it was built until early in the present year, now has the distinction of being the only hopper dredge that has ever been converted into a cargo carrying vessel. Her dredging machinery removed and with alterations made in Philadelphia, the Comstock now has a cargo capacity of 1500 ton and accommodations for 35 passengers. She is being used by the Army Engineers as a supply ship at Trinidad.

Trinidad was secured from England in a trade for destroyers last fall. The U. S. Army Engineers, who are building fortifications and a base there, found a good use for both the Comstock and for her civilian master, Captain Oscar K. Laine. Captain Laine formerly lived at Southport, but has been residing at Morehead City for the past few years, having moved there when the harbor was first dredged and it was required that the Comstock spend much time there. (Continued on page 4)

Seed Loan Office Open Wednesdays

W. F. King, field supervisor, announces that the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Southport will be open on Wednesdays only, beginning April 14. Mr. King urges farmers who wish to make applications to do so at once.

Water Turkey Rearns Its Ugly Head Again To View

Not many North Carolina people have seen water turkeys, and it is more than likely that less than one per cent of those who have seen them knew what they were looking at. In the dictionaries the water turkey is also classified as a snakebird.

They are not found anywhere in North Carolina except on the coast of Brunswick county, and they can apparently swim under water for miles. When near people and, not exactly frightened, they swim with only about three inches of head showing. Under such circumstances, the person who is not wise to the bird will feel sure

Garden Club Head Is Visitor Here

Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy And Husband Stopped At Southport Monday In Order To Visit Orton Gardens

Among the more nationally prominent visitors at Orton Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy. They stopped here on their motor yacht, Innesfall, en route north.

Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy were lavish in their praise of the beautiful gardens. They are both an authority on gardens, and Mrs. Cudahy is president of the Garden Clubs of America.

Having visited all the gardens between here and Florida on their way up the coast, they had a high standard of comparison. Mrs. Cudahy expressed herself as quite thrilled at Orton's floral splendor and said that it is one of the loveliest gardens she has ever seen. (Continued on page 4)

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The Big One Musta Been A Whopper

During the two-day let up in the closed freshwater fishing season, some nice little catches were made.

Roy Bridge of New York got a four-pound jack. L. T. Yaskell got a 7-pound 5-ounce bass and lost three that weighed about 4 or 5 pounds; Jack Christian got a 5-pound 1-ounce bass and got fastened on to another that was believed to weigh all of ten pounds. It broke his rod off to the point where there was no spring left in it to enable him to play the big fellow. This resulted in the line itself breaking and the fish getting away in triumph.

Leland School Given Rating

Elementary School Placed In II-A Group, Than Which There Is No Higher Rating

According to information just received by County School Officials Leland Elementary School has recently been given a new and much higher rating by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The rating that the school now holds cannot be exceeded by any rural elementary school in the state. The school is now a Standard Elementary school with a IIA classification. There is only one other school in the county with this classification, and very few in the surrounding counties. This is a fact for which the school district and friends of the school should feel proud. This rating will continue as long as certain standards, such as books, libraries, and instructional equipment are kept up to their present quality.

Some of the requirements for a class IIA accredited elementary school are: 1. A seven year course of study as outlined by the State Supt. 2. At least one teacher per grade. 3. All teachers must hold class "A" certificates. 4. An accurate scholastic and attendance record must be kept for each child. 5. Library must have at least two books for each child enrolled. 6. At least 10 sets of supplementary readers of 20 each for each grade. 7. Lockers for each teacher. 8. At least 10 feet of bulletin board for each room. 9. Adequate building in sanitary condition. 10. Two sets of approved children's Encyclopedias. 11. At least five magazines of elementary school level. 12. All teachers must teach in their field.

Thursday morning the Shallotte high school debating teams will leave for Chapel Hill to compete further in the state debating contest. In the triangular debates held March 28, the negative team won a unanimous decision over Leland's affirmative at Leland and Shallotte's affirmative won in the same manner over Bolivia's negative in the Shallotte auditorium. The affirmative team members are Burgwin Hewett and Betty Lancaster; on the negative, Virginia Russ and Ernest Parker, Jr. Miss Myers and Mrs. Jones are coaches for the two teams.

Investigations Of Grand Jury Made Known In Report

Thorough Investigation Of All County Offices And Institutions Is Conducted By Body Of Grand Inquest

FULL TEXT OF REPORT GIVEN

Jury Members Make Recommendations For Certain Repairs And Improvements That Are Needed

Following is the report of the Brunswick county grand jury as submitted to Judge John J. Burney at the conclusion of their investigation by members of that body:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT "STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA"

"COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK To the Hon John J. Burney, Judge Presiding:

"We the grand jury for the spring term, 1941, Superior court of Brunswick county convened at the court house in Southport, North Carolina, on Monday, April 7th, 1941, respectfully submitted the following report:

"We have examined 9 bills, returning 7 true bills and 2 not true bills. We have made 3 presentments.

"We have examined the jail and find it in good condition, well kept.

"We have examined the court house and find both white and colored toilets down stairs in need of new floors. We recommend water cooler for courthouse.

"We have visited the county home and find white men's toilet needs lid on commode, and other repairs. Pit privy behind small cottage east of main building a menace to health. Recommend old pit filled and replaced with new sanitary privy according to state health requirements; refrigerators too small to meet needs of home. Stove pipes connecting cooking range with flue a fire hazard, needs replacing. We recommend removal of Claudia Smith to State Hospital for insane persons at Raleigh. We recommend kettle brick furnace and new wash house for home.

"We find the Dozier Memorial Hospital in need of considerable general repair. "We have examined the reports of the following Justice of the Peace and find their reports as follows:

- "Name cases tried Amt. One
- 1. Anderson, M. D. 0 none
- 2. Atkinson, J. B. 2 none
- 3. Beck, A. M. 0 none
- 4. Blanton, C. O. 0 none
- 5. Forny Duval, Coy 2 none
- 6. Ganey, C. F. 21 \$80.00
- 7. Ganey, M. S. 7 10.00
- 8. Gray, C. H. 0 none
- 9. Gray E. H. 0 none
- 10. Holden, B. J. 2 none
- 11. Milliken, A. M. 0 none
- 12. Mintz, H. Foster 18 \$91.80
- 13. Mintz, H. A. 4 \$10.00
- 14. Phelps, L. H. 2 none
- 15. Smith A. W. 2 none
- 16. Tripp, Elliott 6 \$40.00
- 17. Ward, J. B. 2 none
- 18. Watts, M. B. 2 none
- Total receipts reported ... \$331.80
- Not reporting
- 19. White, J. T.

"We have visited the schools and report in detail as follows: BOLIVIA HIGH SCHOOL

"We found several repairs on roof of this school needed. Need one more school bus to relieve four overcrowded busses. WACCAMAW HIGH SCHOOL (continued on page four)

Debaters To Go To Chapel Hill

Shallotte Teams Victorious In Both Debates In Which They Participated And Will Go To University

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Boxing Bouts Staged At Local Gym Last Night

Program Was Staged For Benefit Of Members Of Junior Class Of Southport High School

Local proponents of the manly art of self defense staged a thrill packed boxing bill for the benefit of the junior class of the local high school in the gymnasium last night. Four of the bouts were stopped by the referee, and were recorded as technical knockouts; three decisions were awarded and four ended in draws.

Franto Mollycheck and his wicked left were too much for young J. W. Hewett in the opening match. The referee stopped it near the close of the first round.

Three fast rounds were reeled off by John Carr Davis and his heavier opponent, Ralph Potter, before the judges awarded the former their decision.

Too much reach and too much experience enabled Billie Willis to stop stocky Edmund Newton midway the second heat. Willis used a poisonous left hand to

slugging bee, but the former tagged his adversary with a Sunday keep his opponent away, then laid on with his right as Newton bared in.

Two willing youngsters pounded out a draw when Johnnie Floyd hooked up with Thomas Fullwood. This appeared to be one of the most evenly matched battles of the program.

Skipper Stillier made short work of barefooted Borden Willis as the referee stepped in mid-way the first round.

Basil Watts and Rothwell Simmons staged one of the best bouts of the evening. Although each boy packed a punch, their boxing and footwork featured, and the crowd apparently was satisfied to have it called a draw.

Douglas Jones and Joe Sam Loughlin started out with what appeared to be a well-matched (Continued on page 4)

Announce Dates For Postal Examination

Here's Question From Tenderfoot

The humor of this story will be apparent to anyone who has ever tried to get through the five thousand acres or so of densely wooded jungles on Bald Head Island. Frank Sherrill's island possession has plenty of sand dunes and beaches, but is no less famous for its tropical vegetation.

So, the local chamber of commerce secretary was floored yesterday when one of the several colleges, which are to send classes in botany and biology during the next few days, wrote to ask if there was enough wood on the island for them to cook two meals!

White Defendants Before Recorder

Several Cases Disposed Of Here In Recorder's Court Monday Before Judge Walter M. Stanaland

All defendants in Recorder's Court here Monday were white men, as the following cases were disposed of before Judge Walter M. Stanaland:

W. E. Ford pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation and was given 90 days on the roads. This judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Charles Trott was found guilty on charges of reckless operation and failure to stop before entering a highway. Judgment was withheld for one week.

Howard B. Camden was found guilty of drunken driving and was given 90 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs, his driver's license being revoked for 90 days. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$200.00.

W. P. Holt pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs, his driver's license being revoked for 90 days.

Luther F. Benton pleaded guilty to charges of speeding. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$15. (Continued on page four)

College Students Just About Take Over Island

Botanists, biologists and other interested young people from various colleges and schools, are descending on Bald Head Island this week. They are sort of giving the place a once-over.

Monday morning a number of Salisbury high school students, led by Mr. Bunch, one of the teachers, made the first invasion of the week. Today classes in botany and biology from Marietta College, Marietta, O., went over. The young people were in charge of Prof. H. R. Eggleston and Prof. R. Lee Walph. It is understood they will remain through Thursday.

The Nixonville school in South Carolina will invade the island in force one day this

United States Civil Service Commission Announces Competitive Examination For Postmaster At Supply

DOUGLAS HAWES IS NOW ACTING

Full Particulars For Qualifying For Examination Contained In Notice Of Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Supply. The examination will be held at Wilmington and date for close of receipt of application is May 2. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$939 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday but not their sixty-fifth birthday on the date of the close of receipt of applications.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements. Application blanks, Form 9, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Supply or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

The date for assembling of competitors will be stated in the admission cards which will mail to applicants after the close of receipt of applications.

Several Men Off To Camp

Four White Men Left This Morning For Ft. Bragg; Colored Men Left Yesterday

Four white men registered with Service Board left today for Ft. Bragg to be inducted into the year's training. Those leaving were Vineval Jackson Holden, Weston Thomas (Continued on page 4)

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Stanley Verdict Is Set Aside By Presiding Judge

Judge John J. Burney Is Of Opinion That Verdict Awarding Plaintiff Sum Of \$20,000.00 Was Excessive

NEW TRIAL SET FOR NEXT TERM

Brown Walker And Cobb Construction Co. Were Defendants In Bascom Stanley Suit; Other Cases Disposed Of

A Brunswick county jury on Saturday returned a verdict awarding Bascom Stanley of Shallotte \$20,000.00 for injuries sustained several months ago when struck by an automobile driven by Brown Walker. Judge John J. Burney, presiding over the term, set the verdict aside and set this case for re-trial on the first day of the next term of court.

The amount of damages approved by the jury was one of the largest verdicts ever awarded in Brunswick county Superior court.

Attorneys for the plaintiff were S. B. Frink and R. I. Mintz of Southport and Varsar, McIntyre and Henry of Lumberton. Brown Walker was represented by Taylor and Prevatte of Southport, and the Cobb Construction Co., for whom it was alleged that Walker was working at the time of the accident, was represented by John D. Bellamy and sons.

The following divorces were granted upon the grounds of 2 years separation: Harley B. Ration vs Jewell M. Ration; Chancy Reeves vs Early Lee Reeves; Mary Lee Robinson vs Willie T. Robinson; T. T. Varnum vs Etta Mae Varnum; Herbert Gore vs Isabel Gore.

The case of M. C. Brown vs G. D. B. Reynolds has been set for trial on Tuesday of the next term of Brunswick county Superior court.

In the case of Brunswick county vs Capt. J. B. Church growing out of a tax matter, a judgment of \$24.47 was returned against the defendant.

In the action of Wilmington Iron Works vs Caswell Carolina Corporation the Heater Well Co. was made party-defendant and the case continued.

The case of Walter Jenrette vs Rice Gwynn was continued and set for trial at the June term.

In the matter of the state vs Paul McDowell an order was signed forever relieving the defendant of responsibility for the further support of Mildred Sullivan upon condition that the defendant complete payment of the sum of \$100.00 to the clerk for her benefit.

Judgment against Clay Smith for possession for purpose of sale provides that defendant serve 2 years on the roads for the first of two separate offenses with which he is charged, and twelve months on the county farm in the second matter. The first sentence is to be suspended upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior and refrain from further use of intoxicants for a period of 5 years.

George O. Lewis was convicted of larceny and was given 12 months on the roads.

Tide Table

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

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, April 17	
12:21 p. m.	6:14 a. m.
Friday, April 18	
0:47 a. m.	6:33 p. m.
1:21 p. m.	7:18 a. m.
2:51 p. m.	7:44 p. m.
Saturday, April 19	
1:47 a. m.	8:21 a. m.
2:23 p. m.	8:51 p. m.
Sunday, April 20	
2:49 a. m.	9:10 a. m.
3:26 p. m.	9:50 p. m.
Monday, April 21	
3:52 a. m.	10:09 a. m.
4:25 p. m.	10:42 p. m.
Tuesday, April 22	
4:48 a. m.	10:56 a. m.
5:14 p. m.	11:31 p. m.
Wednesday, April 23	
5:36 a. m.	11:40 a. m.
5:56 p. m.	