

Unattended Lights Tend To Mar Blackouts

Commander of Civilian Defense Calls Attention To Fact That Lights Should Not Be Left

VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO HEAVY PENALTY

Of \$5,000 Or One Imprisonment Or Both Provided For Persons Leaving Lights On During Blackouts

Unattended lighting in homes, businesses and on streets were responsible in some measure for ragged performance of the practice blackouts last week, Chas. M. Trotter, County Commander of Civilian Defense said today.

The county defense official stated that he had received a communication from R. L. McMillan, State Director, calling attention to the fact that the entire state of North Carolina is governed by an order of Gen. Hugh A. Drum, Commander in Chief, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, which states that "at all times of business occupants of premises and operators of road vehicles and conveyances shall not have unattended lighting, except for lighting meeting War Department specifications. Lighting shall be considered unattended unless a competent individual, who is a member or employee, or agent of the household or business establishment of the occupant, or who is the operator or occupant of a road vehicle or other road conveyance, or who, in arrangement with any such individual, has undertaken responsibility for said lighting, can be reached as provided."

The State Director said that during the period and in the area of blackouts persons in control of lighting should extinguish all lights visible from the outside as completely as possible. This applies to lights of every description, electrical, gas, oil or any other source, including matches, cigarette lighters, etc.

Any person who violates these regulations is subject to penalties provided by Title 18, section 97A, of the State Code, which is a fine of not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense.

The OCD Head stated that this warning is being issued in view of the fact that lights in many business establishments, such as in window and neon overhead signs were not properly attended during the latest blackouts. Unattended outside switches have been reported and the local warden advised of location of such switches. Persons leaving lights unattended will be subject to the penalties mentioned.

Senior Play To Be Given Friday

Three-Act Farce Will Be Presented Both Afternoon And Evening By Members Of Southport High School Senior Class

The senior class will present a play in three acts, entitled "The Gracious Grandma." Friday with a matinee at 1:45 P. M. and an evening performance at 8:00 P. M. in the high school auditorium.

Henry and George Breckenridge, (Rudolph Sellers and Brother) cousins, with ideas about how to spend money, temporarily, but definitely, in a state of financial embarrassment when their landlady, Mrs. Lennox, (Mary Joyce) demands a deposit on an overdue rent.

Money arrives by wire when a family friend telegraphs extra money for Henry's father to entertain the friend's two daughters, (Marie Moore and Lula Swann) over a week-end.

The father is on a trip to Mexico, and the girls are arriving, and they need the money. The solution seems to be to pay a deposit on the rent and entertain the friend themselves. To keep them from having a chaperone. This obstacle is overcome when P-Sam, (Charles Ford) the house-boy, who has more brains than a morderer can have and still live, finds the ground outside the apartment house a grey wig and black wig. P-Sam's mother had always told him that what he found on the ground he could keep. The wig causes the birth of "Grandma" (Continued On Page Four)

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The first Rector of St. Phillip's, alias His Majesty's Chapel in the Carolinas, was the Rev. (Continued On Page Four)

Old Fire Break Out Anew After Smouldering 2 Years

A fire that was started somewhere around Dutchman's creek the first part of April, 1941, swept all the way to Orton Plantation and beyond there at some points. A stiff gale was blowing at the time and the flames are said to have made over three miles per hour as they swept across the county.

The most valuable part of Orton woods were saved only by the hardest kind of work from the fire prevention organization, aided by everybody on the plantation. As it was, considerable fine timber was destroyed.

The payoff to that fire will surprise many people. Although it occurred two years ago, the fire is still burning at least one place. At the old Edwards fish factory on the river, just south

Regular Court Session Monday

Most Of Day Consumed In Hearing Evidence In Cross Indictment That Had Been Brought Into Court

An all day session of Recorder's court here Monday featured the hearing of a drawn-out case involving a cross indictment.

C. M. Jenkins was found not guilty of making an assault with a deadly weapon. A charge against him for selling deer to a minor was continued.

Wendell Sellers was found not guilty of making an assault with a deadly weapon.

The case against Fred Pigott, charging assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

G. E. Jones was charged with violating the stock law, but failed to appear. Caplas issued and the case was continued.

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RUINS OF ST. PHILLIPS



ANCIENT—One of the outstanding points of historic interest in Brunswick county is the site of Old St. Phillips Church, near Orton Plantation. Some of the furniture and appointments of this old church were passed on to St. Phillips in Southport.

St. Phillips Church Is Rich In Historic Value

Located At Site Of Old Town Of Brunswick, Is Last Visible Signs Of Oldest Settlement In This State

THICK BRICK WALLS SHOW SIGNS OF SHELLS

Altar Cloth And Other Appointments Were Sent To This Country From England And Are In Use In Southport

When its little band of members gather to worship at old St. Phillip's church in Southport each Sunday they use an altar rail, baptismal font, altar cloth, collection plates and other church furniture brought from England more than two hundred years ago. St. Phillip's Episcopal church at Southport is not so old, not having been built until 1850. The explanation of its having the old fixtures lies in the little known fact it inherited both the name and fixtures from Old St. Phillip's at Orton, this original St. Phillip's having been built in 1730 to serve the people of Brunswick, oldest town in the Cape Fear country.

Brunswick, where the original St. Phillip's was built, once had a population of about seventeen hundred souls. The huge church, according to estimates, would easily have seated a congregation of a thousand people. Brunswick, now but a ghost town a mile below Orton, still has its site indelibly marked by the four stark walls of St. Phillip's. Three feet in thickness and built out of brick brought from England in the 1730's, St. Phillip's walls bid fair to be standing as they are now a couple of hundred years in the future.

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Income Tax Is Due This Month

There Has Been No Provision Made For Cancellation Nor For Changing Due Date On These Payments

C. H. Robertson, Collector of Internal Revenue, today said that the number of income tax returns filed by individuals is below the number which could reasonably be expected at this time. He again pointed out that an income tax return must be filed by every single person whose gross income from all sources was \$500 or more for 1942, and that an income tax return must be filed by every married person living with husband or wife if their combined gross income was \$1,200 or more for the year 1942.

The Collector said that possibly the delay in filing returns may be attributed in part to an erroneous impression that legislative proposals before the Congress, commonly known as "pay-as-you-go" plans, will relieve taxpayers from filing their income tax returns for 1942 and paying the first quarterly installment on or before March 15. He referred to a recent broadcast in which Secretary Morgenthau, Chairman Doughton of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman George of the Senate Finance Committee made it clear that there is no pending tax plan, which will relieve individuals of the necessity of filing income tax returns and paying the first quarterly installment on or before March 15. Chairman Doughton, of the Ways and Means Committee stated the matter succinctly when he said:

"Let me make this fact clear. There has been no cancellation of taxes on 1942 income. There has been no postponement of taxes on 1942 income. There has been no change in the time or place of payment. The first quarterly installment of the income tax is due on or before March 15th."

The Collector urges taxpayers to file their returns as soon as possible. He said that if they should require assistance of members of his office in preparing their returns, they will be able to get assistance with the least delay by going to his office now rather than waiting until a few days before March 15. Taxpayers who make arrangements to file their returns promptly assist themselves as well as their Government. That taxpayers have everything to gain by early filing (Continued on page 4)

Point Rationing Is Not So Tough

From all reports, point rationing is not nearly the bugaboo that it was advertised to be, and consumers and merchants alike are quickly mastering the intricacies of the new system.

Of course, there hasn't been such a rush to begin with, for most housewives have taken advantage of the period allowed for building her pantry stock to five cans per person. But most of the trade experienced in rationed commodities this week has been by persons who appeared to understand what they were doing.

Those who failed to register for their War Ration Book No. 11 last week at the school sites may register at the rationing board office after next week.

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MEDICAL

Mrs. Nora Johnson, of Bolivia, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital last Friday for medical attention.

Dressing Unit Does More Work With Less Help

That, At Least, Was Record Compiled During Period Just Closed, But Chairman Would Like To See Increase In Personnel

SEVERAL LADIES PILING UP HOURS

Total Of Twenty-Four Ladies Have Put In At Least 50 Hours Folding Surgical Dressings In Workroom

The surgical dressings program was on the upgrade during the month of February, and though the number of hours was not so great, the number of dressings made showed that the ladies are becoming more proficient.

There were seven who won their 50-hour production pins during the past month. These were: Mrs. C. H. Augustine, Miss Carrie Harker, Mrs. A. B. Weeks, Mrs. S. C. Baker, Mrs. C. C. Cannon, Mrs. Robert Thompson, and Mrs. James Prevatte. This brings to a total of 24 the ladies who have completed their fifty hours.

Four hundred and fifty seven hours were worked and 9,841 dressings were folded. Forty nine ladies accomplished this. These figures, though satisfactory, are not at all what they should be. More ladies are needed if the workroom is to operate as it should. The workroom is in the Army-Navy building and the new hours are from 2 until 5 and from 8 until 10 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Christman Heads Division Office

Field Deputy Collector Is In Charge Of One Of State's Two New Divisions; Zone Office In Whiteville

Due to the great increase in work as a result of new and increasing federal taxes the Collector of internal revenue, Chas. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, is establishing two new divisions of offices in North Carolina and four major zone offices, of which one is located in Wilmington. It is understood that the change becomes effective as of March 1, and Raymond D. Christman, field deputy collector, with offices in Wilmington has been promoted to the position of Chief Zone Deputy, in charge of zone offices located in Whiteville, Lumberton, Kinston and New Bern, embracing approximately 15 counties. Mr. Christman will have supervision all deputies located in these zones.

In designating Wilmington as a major zone office it means that the Wilmington office will remain open at all times for the benefit of the public and it will be in charge of Miss Sadie Lee Whitfield, of Greensboro, who has already arrived in Wilmington and taken up her duties. The new arrangements will fill a much needed service to taxpayers in Wilmington for the reason that under the former plan the field deputies located here were required to fill appointments in adjoining counties, thus making it necessary to close the Wilmington office except one or two days each week. Deputy Collector Paul de Montpeller, who has been in Wilmington for several months also deputy Byron E. Campbell who came here recently will continue to be attached to the Wilmington office.

In discussing his appointment as Major Zone Chief Mr. Christman states that much of his time will be spent with other zone deputies after the present income tax filing period ends on March 15. He entered the internal revenue service on August 15, 1933 as a field deputy deputy collector and from June, 1937 to March, 1939 he served the department as chief of the Income Tax Division in Greensboro.

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Native Of This County Is Senior In School Of Law

NOTICE OF THIS COUNTY IS SENIOR 30 D C Son Of Late Reverend And Mrs. Dempsey L. Hewett, Of Shallotte, Is Completing Course In Law At Wake Forest

James Bascum Hewett, of Washington, a native of Brunswick county, Shallotte, the son of late Rev. Dempsey L. and Mrs. Mattie D. Hewett, is making a very outstanding record at Wake Forest College Law School, both in scholarship and leadership.

Mr. Hewett is this year president of the Wake Forest College Law School, which speaks for itself of his outstanding popularity and ability. He stays busy but never to busy to enjoy a conversational chat with a fellow student.

Scholastically he is on the honor roll, in the top rank of his class. He is not only a Christian gentleman, but applies himself to achieve his desired goal, and has the requisites of a good lawyer.

His association will long be remembered by students who have been privileged to contact him. His humble manner, pleasant smile, his witty humor will linger in memory long after he has passed through the portals of Wake Forest upon his graduation this spring.



JAMES B. HEWETT

Red Cross Drive Underway In Brunswick This Week

Have Sons In Four Types Of Service

Whenever there is news of action by any or Uncle Sam's armed services, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Leonard, of Bolivia, have cause to wonder if one of their boys will not be involved.

Mr. Leonard was in Southport this week and told a representative of this newspaper that they have one boy on a submarine, one on a battleship, one in the air force, and one with the infantry in North Africa.

Tax Matters Are Heard Monday

Members Board Of County Commissioners Spent Most Of Day Settling Tax Matters For Citizens

Members of the board of commissioners for Brunswick county held their regular first Monday meeting here this week, devoting most of their time to hearing and settling tax matters.

G. T. Hickman was granted a reduction of \$250.00 in list in his property; Freeman Kirby was granted a hucksters license; T. A. Ganey was allowed to afterlist 3.17 acres since 1937; Leo Benton was allowed to pay delinquent taxes prior to 1933 in the basic of valuation for that year; G. H. Lanier was allowed to pay his 1927 taxes on the basis of the 1933 valuation; Rebecca Gause was permitted to pay her taxes on the basis of a valuation of \$1,200.00; Isaac Jenrette was required to pay 1933 taxes on the basis of the valuation for that year; an order was passed to foreclose the property of Jake McMillan in own Creek for payment of taxes.

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Committee Kills Bill For Sale Of Power Company

Finance Group Takes Action After A Hearing On The Bill Providing For Purchase Of Tide Water Power Co.

SOME OPPOSITION IN THIS SECTION

Considerable Opposition To Purchase Of Utilities By City Of Wilmington Seen In This Area

The Senate finance committee of the General Assembly summarily killed a bill Thursday permitting the city of Wilmington acquire the property of the Tide Water Power Company, which operates in 18 eastern counties.

Action on the bill followed a long public hearing and a brief discussion in executive session. There was solid support for the bill offered by the officials of the city of Wilmington and New Hanover County, and some support from the 17 counties affected, but bogged down in face of opposition from the area outside Wilmington.

Residents of the 18 counties pay electrical rates considerably in excess of those charged by any other utility company operating in the state. Residents of the 17 counties joined in Wilmington's desire for lower rates, but felt they would not be assured of protection under the proposed act-up. The State would lose \$250,000 in taxes now collected annually from the company, but the controlling reason for the committee's action appeared to be doubt as to whether counties and municipalities would receive the contributions provided in the bill in lieu of taxes, since those payments would be secondary to operating expenses, and whether they would be assured of continuous service.

Charlie Hattem Given Sentence

Former Operator Of Place In This County Is Tried And Convicted In New Hanover Recorder's Court

Charlie Hattem, well known, ex-Brunswick county tavern operator, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads by Recorder H. Winfield Smith in Wilmington this week after the recorder found Hattem guilty on a morals count.

A similar sentence was imposed on Lucille Shelley, who was tried along with Hattem. Both gave notice of appeal to Superior Court.

Supply Girl Is Now Member Of WAACS

Vivian Phelps, of Supply, was officially enrolled in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Bragg on February 18.

She is now awaiting further orders to report for basic training.

Former Resident Dies In Dayton

News has been received here of the recent death in Dayton, Ohio, of Mrs. Alice London Bycher. She was 83 years of age and was a native of Southport.

The deceased was a member of a prominent family of this community, and news of her passing will be regretted by many former acquaintances.