

City Election Next Week Promises To Be Formality As Candidates Unopposed

Tuesday Is Date For Official Election, But Nomination Of Ticket Has Usually Been Tantamount To Election

ENTIRE PRESENT BOARD RENOMINATED

There Is Always Possibility Of Last Minute Upset, But None Appears To Be In Prospect For This Year's Election

Tuesday is election day for voters of the city of Southport, but unless the unusual happens the matter of going to the polls and casting ballots for the mayor and city aldermen will be just a formality.

It has been a custom of long standing to nominate in citizen's convention the men whom the majority of the citizens wish to serve them in the management of city affairs for the coming two years. The ensuing election is merely to comply with the law.

Of course, it is always possible for some candidate to announce himself and to make a race of it, but it has been a long time since a movement of this kind made much headway. Last election there was some talk of opposition to the chosen ticket, but no organized effort resulted.

So, unless there is a completely surprising development, the slate of officials for Southport will remain unchanged. This results from the nomination of Mayor John D. Eriksen for another term; and from the nomination of the same candidates for aldermen who are now serving their respective wards.

These are R. L. Thompson and W. E. Dasher, first ward; I. B. Bussells and J. I. Davis, second ward; and G. E. Hubbard and J. P. Cranmer, third ward.

Visitor Amuses Kids With Tricks

Detective Is Amateur Ventriquist And Is Master Of Few Simple Sleight Of Hand Tricks

Mr. Beal, a Pinkerton detective, who was here yesterday, had lunch at the hotel with W. B. Keziah. During the meal it was ascertained that the visitor had ventriloquism as a hobby, that he was also an expert at sleight of hand.

A result of this chance meeting was that various small boys spent some time looking around in all sorts of odd places for the fellow that was calling them. They were also much mystified to see the Pinkerton man in various tricks, including that of pulling his thumb off and tossing it up in the air. He would follow this up by letting the boys inspect the disappearing digget. They invariably found that it was still in place on his hand and in perfectly good order.

Easter Music Is Heard Here

Observance Of Easter In Southport Again Is Highlighted By Music In Various Churches.

Once again this year the observance of Easter in Southport was marked by special musical programs in honor of this occasion.

Beginning before day with the rendition of sacred selections in outdoor concert by choirs from the colored churches, the morning worship service at each church in town featured special Easter selections.

The climax of the day's musical program was reached with the presentation of an Eastern Cantata at Trinity Methodist church for the evening service. This program was prepared by the choir of the church, assisted by several other singers.

The beautiful musical program of the day blended perfectly with the beauty of the weather, and altogether it was a happy Easter season for folks in this community.

Seniors Given Sound Advice In Sunday Sermon

Dr. William Crowe, Jr., Pastor Of First Presbyterian Church, Of Wilmington, Makes Forceful Appeal For Right-Living

COMPARES EASTER WITH COMMENCEMENT

Last Program In Commencement Exercises For Local High School Will Be Held On Friday Night This Week

Declaring that he considered the Easter theme particularly appropriate for a sermon before a group of high school graduates, Dr. William Crowe, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, developed this thought in the baccalaureate sermon Sunday afternoon in the Southport high school auditorium.

"Commencement for you members of the graduating class is the beginning of your life on your own; and the Resurrection was the beginning of the only real life the world has ever known," he said.

Declaring that Christianity was not born when Jesus was born, Dr. Crowe reminded his listeners that the Easter season brings his followers closer to God than at any other time of year. This was true even during His life here on earth, for it was not until the disciples witnessed his resurrection that they became fired with the zeal that has spread Christianity throughout all the earth during the past two thousand years.

"You stand in the presence of Jesus on the anniversary of the day that opened for us the Gates of Life. I challenge you to make this commencement day the beginning of life worthwhile. The world is cruel and discouraging, unless you find Jesus; and you can find Jesus if you will but let Him find you. The world will crush you unless Jesus is your companion. All men and all powers cannot harm you when He is with you. If you have not found Jesus, then I charge you to give yourself to Him before this day closes, for this must be your commitment."

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Endorse Coupons Ahead Of Time

This Not Only Saves Time And Trouble When Buying Gasoline, But Is Protection Against Theft And Loss

Motorists in Brunswick county were urged by officials of the two War Price and Ration Boards, to endorse their gasoline coupons in advance and thus avoid the inconvenience and delay, both to them and to their dealers, of having to do so at the filling station when they buy gasoline.

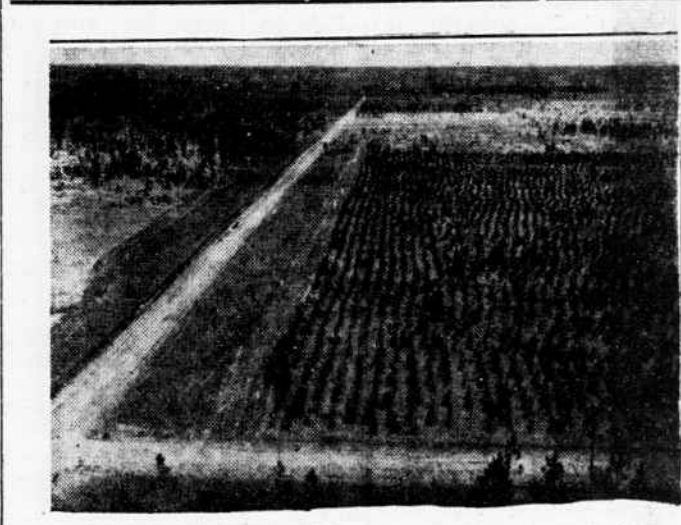
Failure to make the proper notations on the back of coupons before gasoline is delivered constitutes a violation of the mileage rationing regulations.

"License numbers and the abbreviation of the state should be written on the backs of all coupons before going to the station, or when the book is issued. This will save the time of the motorists and the attendants who must otherwise take the time to do this for each transaction. Without this endorsement, the filling stations are not to accept coupons," the ration board chairman explained.

"While this write-in requirement may seem burdensome, it is a valuable weapon in the hands of the Office of Price Administration in combatting black market gasoline transactions. The endorsement is our only check on dealer practices. It is our main check on consumer practices."

"We must remember the reason for gasoline rationing—to conserve our tires by controlling mileage, to make them last until new ones can be produced," added a spokesman. "We must not overlook any means of safeguarding the miles available in our tires for those who need car transportation in doing essential war jobs."

LIFE CYCLE OF THE PINE TREE



Upper left, some of the five million young pine trees that the Riegel Paper Corporation has planted on its holdings in Brunswick and Columbus counties. These trees are now four years old. Upper right, seven year old pine trees that have never been damaged by forest fire. Lower left, a couple of colored employees of the Canal Wood Corporation piling up pulpwood at Supply in readiness for shipment down the Lockwoods Folly River to Georgetown where the Southern Kraft Corporation will make it into gunpowder and boxes for munitions and provisions for men who are fighting overseas. Man fiddling with camera on top of barge load is W. B. Keziah, of Southport.—(Mats, courtesy of Bob Wilson, Washington Times-Herald.)

Forest Products In Big Demand

Increase Is Attributed To Use Of Materials In War Construction And In War Industries

A record breaking volume of timber sale business on the National Forests of the Southern Region was revealed in a quantity report released this week by Joseph C. Kircher, Regional Forester of the United States Forest Service. Sales of over 422 million feet and cutting of over 170 million board feet of National Forest timber in the first three quarters of the 1943 fiscal year represented the largest volume of timber sales in a nine months period since the establishment of the National Forests in the Southeast. Values of \$1,449,159 for timber cut also topped all previous records for a similar period.

National Forests in North Carolina accounted for the largest volume of timber, having cut 32,805,000 feet. Arkansas Forests were second with a cut of 32,674,000. Other heavy producers were Mississippi, with a cut of 22 million, Louisiana with 18 million, Texas with 15 million, Georgia and Florida with 13 million each.

The increased use of National Forest timber is attributed by Kircher to a heavy demand for wood for war purposes, and to the Forest Service's policy of making stumpage available to meet the emergency needs. Much of the National Forest timber now being cut is of high quality suitable for special war requirements. Low grade timber, removed.

Tucker Is Head Of County NEA

County Group Has Organized And Has Gone On Record As Favoring The Thomas Bill In Congress

Glenn Tucker, principal of Bolivia school, is county president of the National Educational Association of the United States and Miss Jane Greenlee of the Bolivia faculty is acting secretary.

Mr. Tucker reported last week that 46 teachers of the county had joined the organization, and that several others were expected to join.

Permission Granted For Moving Case From County

Commissioners Of New Hanover County Give Permission For Use Of Their Courthouse For Ward-Johnson Case

JUDGE NIMOCKS WILL TRY CASE Is Matter Growing Out Of Dispute In Vote Count Following General Election Last November

County commissioners of New Hanover Monday afternoon granted the request of Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., for the use of their courthouse for the Johnson versus Ward trial, political controversy recently carried to the Brunswick county courts.

Following permission to use the Superior courtroom, the sanction of Governor Broughton must be obtained before the special term of superior court can open here Monday, June 21.

Judge Nimocks explained that the Johnson versus Ward affair, involving the legality of an election held in Brunswick to name a new recorder has been a "matter so widely discussed" in Brunswick that it would be better handled elsewhere. He contended, in spoken and written statements to the commissioners, that the trial could not be docketed along with regular New Hanover cases on account of the large amount of civil and criminal business normally handled, and because the Johnson-Ward trial would entail "a great number of witnesses."

Peanut Seed Are Now Available

Farmers who need seed peanuts for planting this year may obtain them from the following places, according to County Agent J. E. Dodson:

D. W. Carter & Son, Chadbourne; E. J. Cox, Clarkton; and Bridger Corporation, Bladenboro.

The above firms are operating warehouses designated by the government for the purpose of making seed peanuts available. Farmers who wish to purchase these seed must first obtain a purchase certificate from the Brunswick county AAA office at Supply.

Timber Story Making Rounds

Spirit Of Cooperation Being Shown By Riegel Paper Company Is Subject Of Favorable Publicity Program

Much matter favorable to this section of North Carolina has recently appeared in the newspapers, growing out of the cooperative spirit of the Riegel Paper Corporation in fire prevention work. This corporation, with many thousands of acres of timber lands in Brunswick and Columbus counties, is practicing timber farming on a big scale, is protecting its own timber lands from fires and cooperating with neighboring land owners in the same work.

Recently stories and pictures have been appearing in some of the metropolitan newspapers, some of which have circulations running into millions. Various North Carolina daily and weekly papers have also been carrying stories. The example of land owners in general and of a big paper corporation in the matter of forest fire prevention in the two south eastern North Carolina counties of Brunswick and Columbus has stimulated fire protection sentiment throughout the State; in fact, throughout all southern states in which pine trees grow.

Most of the pictures used were made by Ben M. Patrick, former cameraman for the sports writers at Duke University. The stories bore the Southport date line and were written by W. B. Keziah. Garland B. Porter, manager of the North Carolina News (Continued On Page Four)

Three Cases In Court Monday

Short Session Of County Court Before Judge John B. Ward Here Monday Of This Week

In Recorder's court here Monday only three cases were disposed of before Judge John B. Ward.

T. C. Hayes pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation and was given 60 days on the roads, judgment being suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.00. The defendant must surrender his driving licenses for 6 months.

Walter Moore was charged with making an assault with a deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and upon the further condition that the defendant pay the sum of \$15.00 weekly for the support of his children.

Brunswick Citizens Must Buy Bonds This Week If County Quota Is Reached

Power Available To Aid Farmer In Food Production

More Local Farms Will Get Electricity For The Increased Production Of Food For The War

GREATER NUMBER ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Recent Lowering Of The Minimum Number Of Animal Units Required From Ten To Five Is Responsible

A greater number of farms engaged in livestock, dairy and poultry production in this area are now eligible for electric service as a result of the War Production Board's recent lowering of the minimum number of animal units required from ten to five, according to Superintendent E. D. Bishop, of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

The WPB and U. S. Department of Agriculture, in announcing the new five animal unit minimum, said it will bring electric service within the reach of small farms and is designed to increase food production. Farms eligible for service under WPB's liberalized service connection regulations are those near existing rural power lines.

Each application for farm service must be approved by the local County USDA War Board before a connection can be made. The Board is required to certify that the proposed connection will comply with WPB regulations, and, in the opinion of the Board, (Continued On Page Four)

Brunswick Man Buried Sunday

Pvt. Barney J. Lewis, Of Wilmington Air Base Laid To Rest At Mill Creek Baptist Church On Sunday Afternoon

One of the most impressive funeral services ever held in this county was conducted Sunday afternoon at Mill Creek Baptist church for Barney J. Lewis, 24-year old soldier son of W. D. Lewis of that community.

The body was carried from his father's home to the church by his buddies from Wilmington Air Base, who played their part in making the service a full military funeral.

The service at the church was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Burgaw, who was assisted by Rev. A. L. Brown, former pastor, of Southport. Also assisting, and in charge of services at the graveside was Chaplain C. O. White.

There, full military honors were paid the deceased. The flag which draped the casket was folded and presented to the father of the dead boy, and a three gun volley was fired. As the bugle blew taps, there was another bugler stationed over in the woods nearby to sound the echo.

Lewis died Thursday night at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, and a coroner's report of the accident which caused his death follows.

A verdict that "Barney J. Lewis came to his death from an air embolism caused by the introduction of air into his vein accidentally due to the machine used being improperly connected at the James Walker Memorial Hospital" was returned in Wilmington Saturday afternoon by a coroner's jury.

During the inquest, which began Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and lasted for three and one half hours, it was revealed that Lewis, along with two other soldiers, had volunteered to donate blood and it was during the process of securing the blood that the fatal accident occurred.

Goal Appears To Be Within Reach Provided Smaller Buyers Rally To Cause In Final Two Days Of Campaign

LARGER BUYERS CARRYING LOAD

Goal Of \$44,200.00 Set For Brunswick And On Basis Of Sales Up To Wednesday Noon It Appears In Reach

With only two more days to go Brunswick county has not yet reached its goal of \$44,200.00 in the Second War Loan Drive which has been in progress during the past two weeks.

An unofficial total compiled today (Wednesday) at noon by the War Finance Committee chairman for the county reveals that purchases in Brunswick county are about \$10,000.00 from the goal.

"This can be made up," stated that official, "but to do it we must all make a final effort to buy an extra bond between now and May 1st. There are a lot of people and some firms who have funds set aside for bond purchases to be made at some indefinite date. Well, now is the time. Complete until stamp books and turn them in this week; if you haven't bought a bond this month, buy one; and if you have bought a bond this month, buy another one."

"Several of the larger firms and corporations of our county are responsible for the fact that we are nearing our quota. This Second War Loan drive is not theirs alone, but is a program in which we may all share up to the full extent of our means.

"Remember, the boys in our fighting forces give their lives; we are only asked to lend our money."

Soybeans Used In Table Diet

County Home Demonstration Agent Urges That More Of These Beans Than Ever Before Be Planted This Year

"One of the best and simplest of our vegetable crops is the soybean," says Miss Genevieve Eakes, County Home Agent.

"Adverse spring weather has not improved the graveness of the food situation and soybeans are a health-giving food that can be grown in Brunswick county gardens. Forty-eight pounds to be used for seed have been received at my office. Soybeans are good to be eaten either green or dry. They have more food value than other peas and beans which are used on our tables. They contain excellent material for muscle-building; therefore, they are one of the best foods to use in place of meat. They also contain minerals and vitamins needed for growth and health."

Change Made In Tire Regulation

Grade II Tires Eliminated From Consideration In May Quota And Holders May Get Certificates For These Replaced

Mrs. Grace D. Jones, clerk in the local OPA rationing board, calls attention to an amendment to a recent rationing order which becomes effective May 1st.

Under this amendment and including the May tire quota, Grade II tires will be eliminated. There are no changes in the eligibility requirement for passenger car replacements. All applicants must have their present carcass recapped where this is recommended by the inspector, and in those instances where the present carcass is not recappable, those applicants with total allowed mileage of 240 miles per month or less will be eligible for Grade III tires only. An applicant with 241 miles per month or over will be eligible for Grade I or Grade III tires at the applicant's option. The only exceptions to mileage not governing eligibility are outlined under the section relative to obsolete tires and to those automobiles used for emergency purposes such as doctors and law enforcing officers. Those individuals who have in their possession certificates for Grade II (Continued On Page Four)