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## Johnson-Ward Trial Gets Underway In Wilmington As Witnesses Are Called

Most Of Monday Devoted To Selection Of Jury; Tuesday Spent Getting Straight For Trial

LINTON JURIST HEARING CASE

Judge Johnson Denies The Plaintiff's Motion To Open Boxes For Purpose Of Segregating Absentees

The title of the ballot is being argued this week in Wilmington before Judge Jeff D. Johnson in New Hanover Superior court, but until today was the first of more than one hundred witnesses called to the stand.

Most of Monday was spent in selecting a jury. Then the judge heard the complaint and answered set about the establishment of the lines to be pursued in trying the case.

The greater part of Tuesday was spent clarifying points of law applicable to the case, with the jury excused for the day. The chief development of interest was the denial of the motion of Attorney Alton Lennon for the plaintiff that the ballot boxes be opened in order that regular votes might be separated from the absentee tickets.

In making the motion for the court order to enter the sealed ballot boxes, brought from Brunswick county and put in the custody of Sheriff C. David Jones, Lennon, attorney for Johnson, told Judge Johnson that he had secured 330 absentee ballot applications, sent from Brunswick county in the general election from the state board of elections on a court order.

He said that the plaintiff's attorneys wanted to compare the handwriting on the applications with those on the actual absentee ballots cast to substantiate the plaintiff's allegations that the chairman of the Brunswick county board of elections solicited absentee votes for Ward and that, in some cases that names of the voters had been forged to the ballots in the voters' absence.

"There is no basis, no fact before the court, to sustain this motion for an order to open the ballot boxes," Osmer L. Henry, of Lumberton, chief attorney for the defense, declared in opposing the motion. "This is a mere fishing expedition not predicated on the allegations of the complaint."

He said that the defense had no objections to the plaintiff's examining the poll books and registration books, which are also in the custody of the sheriff here.

In addition to Lennon, the plaintiff is represented by Lewis Goodman and Clayton Holmes, Wilmington attorneys. J. W. Burck of Southport is assisting Mr. Henry with the defense.

At their meeting here Monday members of the board of county commissioners appointed Miss Elizabeth Norfleet to succeed Miss Genevieve Eakes as county home demonstration agent.

Miss Norfleet has been a George Reid teacher at Leakesville, and comes to this county highly recommended by the extension leaders at State College. Miss Eakes tendered her resignation to accept a similar appointment in Columbus county.

The change becomes effective on July 1.

## Meeting Here Wednesday On Dim-Out Regulations

Army And Civilian Defense Officials Will Cooperate In Meeting Scheduled At USO Club Next Wednesday

Army and civilian defense officials will hold a meeting in Southport on next Wednesday, June 30, at 9:30 o'clock at the USO Club for the purpose of explaining dim-out regulations and encouraging public cooperation in the essential phase of the war effort.

The meetings are being sponsored by the Office of Civilian Defense in cooperation with the United States Army, which is charged with enforcement of the dim-out regulations along the entire Eastern Seaboard. The dim-out area in North Carolina extends roughly 20 miles inland from the coast and is marked by signs posted by the State Highway Commission. A State Highway crew will accompany the groups holding the meetings and will post new signs where needed.

The purpose of the meetings, of which 11 are being held in strategic coastal locations between June 23 and July 9, according to Col.

## School Children Asked To Sell Bonds During Summer

Suggestion By State P.T.A. Head Is That Children Spend Part Of Summer Vacation Selling Bonds And Stamps

POINTERS GIVEN FOR THIS DRIVE

Mrs. Blair Tells What Is Incumbent Upon Both Parents And Children In Getting Drive Started

School children of North Carolina were asked today to contribute to the war effort by buying and selling war bonds and stamps during the summer months.

The appeal was made by Mrs. J. S. Blair, of Elizabethtown, State Education Chairman of the War Savings Staff and president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

"We shall have to depend on the cooperation of the parents to assure the success of this program," Mrs. Blair said.

Here is what the children are being asked to do under this new program:

1. Decide how many stamps you expect to buy each week.
2. Mark the dates in your stamp album covering the entire summer, week by week.
3. Keep your dates with the stamp album as if your life depended on it.
4. If you earn any money during the summer, put most of it in stamps beyond your original pledge.
5. When you return to school in autumn show your record of stamp buying to the person in your school who is in charge of War Savings Stamps and Bond Sales.

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## USO Club News Of Week

"The Loves of Edgar Allen Poe" is the picture which will be shown at the U. S. O. Club Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

In it are featured Linda Darnell and John Shepperd.

On Sunday evening at 9 o'clock and Monday at 8:30 o'clock "Birth of the Blues" featuring Bing Crosby and Mary Martin will be shown. Last Sunday evening there were more service men in the building than ever before on a regular week-end evening, it is said. The service men and their families filled the entire space. In order to clear a definition of service men's families, if there is to be sufficient space it must apply to men in the service here in the Southport area, their wives and children. Practically all families have men in the service somewhere. On Monday evening the "Birth of the Blues" will be shown to civilians and service men who did not see the movie Sunday evening.

W. H. Williams of Northwest was given until September 1 to begin payment on his taxes; it was agreed that Mrs. Linnie V. Stanley shall pay \$66.78 on her tax account on July 15; the Mrs. (Continued on page 4)

## Baby Show Here Thursday Was Gala Attraction

Popularity Contest Was Decided Upon Basis Of Ballots Cast And Winner Of This Event Was John Plaxco

PARADE OF FLOATS WAS HIGH SPOT

Large Number Of Entries And Unusual Originality Helped Contribute To Success Of The Baby Show

The auxiliary of St. Phillips Episcopal church sponsored a very successful baby show on Thursday afternoon. There was a parade of the entrants at 5 o'clock and prizes were awarded the winners immediately afterward in front of the church.

Prior to the show a popularity contest was held which was won by John Plaxco.

The following is a list of the winners.

Prettiest baby, age 1 to 6 months; Barbara Ann Willetts.

Most attractive babies, age 7 to 12 months, Mary Rose Fodale and Rosemary Taylor.

Most attractive floats 1st, Rosemary Taylor, 2nd, L. G. Smith, Jr.

Most attractive costumes, girl, Hope Harrison; boy, John Plaxco. Best looking girl, age 1 to 6 years, Hope Harrison.

Best looking boy, age 1 to 6 years, Charles Ray Wells.

Following is a complete list of entrants:

Chas Phillips Aldridge, Ann Thomas Hutchens, Gay Gordon Wells, Julia Styron Ashburn, Grady Weldon McGlamery, Jr., Linda Leigh Mitchell, Henry Curtis Pigott, III, Hope Harrison, Jas. Fox Howard, Jr., Gary Wayne Thurmond, Jas. Augustine McNeil, Jr., Homer McKeithan, Jr., Bobby Leon McKeithan, Chas. Henry Trot, Rowena Finch, Jimmie Harper, Chas. Ray Wells, Jean Thompson, Harriet Frazier, Mary Caroline Hunt, John Saunders, John Plaxco, Cyrilla Lee Kizzie, Ann Brooks Newton, Ada May Barnhill, Jerry Fulcher, Almeta Dixon, Louis Dixon, Phyllis Huntley, Forrest Miere, Jr., Bobby Smith, Jo Jo McGrath, Joe Wayne Hays, Mary Rose Fodale, Douglas Dianne Bogie, Mary Sue Fullwood, Larry Wolfe, Carol Ann Wolfe, Kenneth McKeithan, Chas. Ellis Ward, Barbara Jean Willetts, David O'Neal, Priscilla Ann Scott, Nettie Lou Scott, Jonathan E. Cox, Loui Cox, Rosemary Taylor, L. G. Smith, Jr., Patricia Love, Evelyn Sue Pigott and Dorothy Louise Bateman.

## Burton Resigns Job At Leland

Principal Of Leland High School Accepts Similar Job At White Oak School In Onslow County

Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of schools, said this week that O. C. Burton has resigned as principal of the Leland high school to accept a similar position as head of the White Oak school in Onslow county.

Burton has completed two years as principal at Leland and was very popular in the community that he served.

At the same time it was announced that Miss Fannie Burnett, teacher at Leland has resigned to accept a teaching position in the Wilmington schools; and that Mrs. Nell McKeithan has resigned as teacher at Waccamaw.

## Wheat Crop Good Says Mr. Ramsaur

Things Going Well On Pleasant Oaks Plantation Despite The Dry Weather Of Past Few Weeks

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ramsaur of the Pleasant Oaks Plantation, twelve miles up the Cape Fear river, were in town yesterday and when interviewed about the crops on the plantation, of which he is manager, Mr. Ramsaur said that everything was pretty good.

They are harvesting 27 acres of wheat which is turning out well despite the fact that the dry and hot weather came along just when the grain was in the dough stage. Eleven acres in barley and eight in oats are also turning out well, along with a good acreage in clover, grasses (Continued on page four)

## New Postal Plan Gives Quicker Mail Service

Postal Unit Numbers Have Been Assigned Certain Offices In Crowded Areas With Good Results Obtained

NUMBERS SPEED FINAL DELIVERY

Is Responsibility Of Writer To Learn The Assigned Postal Number Of Person Written To

The new method of speeding up mail deliveries, through addition of a branch post office number to the address on mail for delivery in large cities, is being placed in operation rapidly, according to Postmaster L. T. Yaskell. Reports from many cities indicate that it has been received enthusiastically by the press, postmasters, business concerns and the public.

Within a few days after initiation of the plan, under instructions of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, nearly all the postmasters in the large cities affected had assigned postal unit numbers to their branch offices, millions of residents had been advised of the number to be added to their addresses, and a considerable volume of mail already was carrying the numbers assigned. By June 1, it is expected that practically all whose addresses are affected will have been notified of their postal unit numbers.

The new system speeds up the separation of mail for distribution to branch offices and permits much more rapid handling of mail by inexperienced postal clerks, thousands of whom have been employed to replace personnel who have gone into the armed forces and into war industries.

Rapid increase in volume of mail and the loss of some thirty thousand postal employees to the armed forces made it necessary to adopt the plan, in the interest of accurate, efficient mail service and for the relief of postal personnel who are carrying an extremely heavy burden of work. The average work week in the service now is about 52 hours, and in many post offices, employees are working 10 and 12 hours a day, seven days a week, because of local shortages of personnel.

An example of the new type of address is: John C. Smith 22 Mattapan Ave. Boston 8 Massachusetts

The number after the name of the city indicates the branch post office (or "postal unit") through which delivery is made. Each resident of the large cities is asked by his postmaster to add the postal unit number to his return address, and to notify all to whom he writes that his address is not complete without the number.

Residents of small cities, towns and rural regions should inquire of their correspondents in the large cities concerning the number assigned to the city residents' branch post office so that the mail may be expedited. The degree to which mail will be expedited depends upon the extent to which the numbers are used by mailers.

Under the new plan, mail that is sent to large cities, carrying the postal unit number, will be distributed more quickly than is possible now and with much less strain on postal clerks. While mail which does not bear the number will be delivered about as rapidly as at present, it will not receive the benefit of the speedier distribution and may not avoid possible delays caused by inability of the depleted force of experienced employees to handle all the mail.

## Funeral Held For Mr. Berry

Well Known Southport Man Died Last Wednesday At Doshier Memorial Hospital Following Short Illness

Cary W. Berry, well known Southport citizen, died last Wednesday morning at Doshier Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient following a brief illness. He was 59 years of age.

The deceased was a native of Washington, Ga., but came to Southport more than a decade ago to engage in the shrimp business. More recently he had worked for several years in a local drug store, and through his contacts had made many friends here. He was unmarried, and there were no immediate relatives. Funeral services were conducted (Continued on page 4)

## PROPER METHODS OF HARVEST



TIMBER—The top photo shows how pine trees reseed themselves where seed trees are left standing. Center photo shows men at work thinning out trees for pulpwood from a timber stand. Below is shown a result of their work, with an improved stand ready to grow into saw logs.

## Farmers Urged To Make Timber Available Now

Mrs. Frink Will Head New Drive

Mrs. S. E. Frink, of Southport, has been named by Governor J. M. Broughton to head the National War Fund Campaign for Brunswick county.

On Friday morning there will be a district meeting of county chairman at Fayetteville, and Mrs. Frink is planning to attend and to carry with her several persons upon whom she will depend for support during the campaign.

Her selection for this important post is probably based upon the fine record that she had her county organization made during the Red Cross War Fund Drive during March.

ATTENDS CONVENTION C. C. Cannon returned Tuesday afternoon from Charlotte where he attended the American Legion Convention Sunday and Monday.

## The Observer's Jake Wade Makes A Southport Call

Jake Wade, presiding genius over the sports that are carried daily in the Charlotte Observer (with an additional All-Observer page on Sunday for good measure) showed up at Southport Monday. He was at Wilmington for a couple of days and came on down to see what prospects there were for a two or three days stay when his vacation time comes in July.

Mrs. Wade accompanied him down here and added much force to Jake's own word by saying that they surely would come back in July. Jake, at least, aims to spend one day out on a shrimp trawler, seeing how those fellows catch those highly prized delicacies. He was much interested when advised that the fishermen, between the day's drags of their trawls, friend and ate shrimp and fresh fish five or six times.

As a matter of fact, the shrimp trawling crews, aided by the great open salty air spaces, can cook and serve shrimp and fish done to a taste that no modern enclosed kitchen and experienced cook can equal. Just as soon as Jake has had a day with the shrimp trawlers on the ocean and finds that they are always hungry, (and that there is always a great panful of hot fried shrimp and fish to appease that hunger) he will become a lasting convert to the Southport shrimp fishing and fishing in general. On their scouting expedition this week, Jake and Mrs. Wade picked up W. B. Keziah and went to Orton to see the place and the Orton pond. They lacked time in which to go to the (Continued on page 4)

## Farmers Urged To Plant More To Offset Losses

Appeal Is Made From Washington For N. C. Farmers To Plant Extra Acres This Year

FARMERS MAKE OWN REPORTS

Each Farmer Determines His Own Acres Of Cotton And Tobacco Under New Plan Of Government's

An appeal to North Carolina farmers to plant extra acres of food and feed crops to offset losses in the Mid-West due to flood and unfavorable weather conditions has been received by Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director of the Extension Service at N. C. State College.

Dr. Schaub says that the need for maximum food production is greater than ever and unfavorable growing conditions in the flood areas has caused a very serious situation. Plantings of corn in those areas are being made at a very late date and the crop may not be able to mature before frost.

Government officials at Washington therefore have asked that Tarheel growers make every effort to produce greater amounts than ever before.

The Director suggests that immediately following the harvesting of small grains, every single acre possible be put into some food or feed crop. With increased numbers of livestock and poultry, the need for supplemental grazing crops of soybeans, cowpeas, sudan grass, millet, and sorghum are paramount in helping to relieve the feed shortage which has developed and which will probably continue well into 1944.

Since North Carolinians can have year-round gardens, Dr. Schaub urges all Victory Gardeners to seed succession vegetable crops throughout the year and help relieve the demand on rationed supplies of canned foods.

"Patriotic cooperation in planting extra acres of feed crops on every farm in this State and all-year gardens throughout the State is necessary to achieve war needs," Dr. Schaub said.

## Outlook Is Good Says Mr. Dodson

County Agent Thinks Crop Prospects Are Pleasing; About As Much Land Cultivated As Last Year

County Agent J. E. Dodson took a rather gloomy view of the farming situation at the start of the year, this due to every evidence of a most pronounced labor shortage. Apparently, two or three weeks of very favorable weather have altered his viewpoint of things. He stated this week: "The farming picture looks very good."

"Brunswick farmers," he continued, "have a 100-per cent increase in the amount of poultry being raised, there is a 75 per cent increase in hog production, 20 per cent increase in cattle for milk and beef, 25 per cent in market beans and various other increases in food crops. The only decrease appears to be in the tobacco acreage, which is about 10 per cent off."

The county agent is especially gratified at the increased gardening efforts throughout the entire county. In Northwest and Town Creek townships really big efforts were put forward and it is these gardening projects (Continued on Page Four)

## Forestry Expert To Help Farmer

H. M. Blanchard Is Stationed In This Area For Purpose Of Assisting Farmers With Their Timber Problems

Brunswick county has the service of Farm Forester H. M. Blanchard, who will assist farmers in selecting, scaling and marking their timber for saw timber, pulpwood, poles, piling and veneer logs. He can help farmers in contacting markets and aid them in making sales.

"We need timber now," he said this week. "It's urgent, but we want to cut it selectively so as to maintain a growing stand for future crops. "American timber is carrying the fight to Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito. It supplies the ships, air (Continued on page 4)