

Johnson-Ward Case Goes To Jury Today Noon After Lengthy Charge By Judge

Only Issue Will Be Whether D. R. Johnson Was Elected To Position Of Judge Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court

MORE THAN WEEK CONSUMED BY TRIAL Final Outcome Appears To Hinge Upon Validity Of Two Votes Cast In Southport And Upon Validity Of Two Absentees

Judge Jeff D. Johnson completed his charge to the jury this morning and at noon today a New Hanover county jury was considering its verdict in the case of Johnson vs. Ward.

Bulletin

At 3 o'clock this afternoon a New Hanover county jury returned a verdict on the Ward-Johnson election trial answering the one and only issue submitted by Judge Jeff D. Johnson "No."

County was elected county recorder over D. R. Johnson, Republican by one vote, will consider only one issue, Judge Johnson ruled Tuesday over the objections of attorneys.

The special term of court was in session all of last week, with hearings being resumed on Monday. All witnesses were dismissed Tuesday and Tuesday was devoted to hearing the arguments of attorneys involved in the case.

Praise Comes In Roundabout Way

Army Chaplain From Pennsylvania Wrote His Sister In High Praise Of North Carolina Officer Who Turned Out To Be Local Man

While the campaign against Italy and Germany was in progress in Africa the chaplain of a regiment that was twice at the front wrote his home in Pennsylvania and told his sister that the finest officer in all the regiment was Lieutenant Churchill Bragaw of North Carolina.

PUTTING IN TOBACCO



CROPPING.—Scenes similar to the one above are general throughout the county now as Brunswick county tobacco farmers harvest their 1943 crop. Some farmers have already put in tobacco as many as three times.

Markets Of Border Belt Will Open August 3rd

Tentative Date For Opening Of Markets In This Section Agreed Upon Monday At Meeting Held In Raleigh

DATES EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED This Means That Little More Than Month Remains Before First Of 1943 Weed Crop Goes On Sale

The tentative date set this week for the opening of the South Carolina-Border belt tobacco market is August 3rd, Governor J. M. Broughton announced Monday in revealing the opening dates for the flue cured tobacco season.

These tentative dates were agreed upon in Raleigh Monday by the recently named committee representing growers, warehousemen, manufacturers and dealers, Governor Broughton said.

The dates, first set at a tobacco marketing meeting of representatives of North and South Carolina and Virginia in Raleigh on May 18, and were agreed upon again Monday were: Georgia-Florida belt, July 27; South Carolina-Border belt, August 3; Eastern Carolina belt, August 19; Middle Belt, August 19; Old belt, September 7. It was agreed that the Eastern belt should open earlier than August 19 if conditions permit.

Magic Island Changes Hands

Charles Skipper And John King Buy Tract Near Wilmington Famed For Cheap Raising Of Hogs

Among the real estate deals of the past week in this county was one in which Dawson Jones, former Brunswick forest warden, sold a tract of more than 500-acres of Eagle Island land to John King of Bolivia and Charles Skipper of Leland.

The land in question might be described as an island within an island. Bounded on the east by the Cape Fear and on the west by the Brunswick rivers, it is also bounded by Alligator Creek and various other creeks. Some of the property is bounded by the narrow two-hundred acre body of land which Brunswick county decided to New Hanover many years ago in exchange for Bald Head Island.

Meeting Monday Noon To Discuss 'Work Or Fight'

J. W. Ruark Asked By Governor Broughton to Head Movement To Get Maximum Efficiency Into War Effort

FULL ATTENDANCE URGED FOR MEETING Believed That Labor Situation Will Become Increasingly Bad And Every Effort Needed To Help

Brunswick county citizens are invited to attend a public meeting at the courthouse in Southport Monday, July 5, at 12 o'clock noon for a discussion of plans for the enforcement of "work or fight" policy for all North Carolinians.

Monday Will Be Holiday Here

All county offices will be closed next Monday in observance of the Fourth of July, and members of the board of county commissioners will hold their first of the month meeting on Tuesday.

Fathers Now In Eligible Group

There Are Certain Classifications From Which Fathers Of Draft Age May Be Called For Army Training

RALEIGH, June 30.—While it is true that fathers generally will not be called for military service until the supply of single and childless married men is exhausted, there are three exceptions to that policy, it was pointed out today by General J. Van B. Motts, state director of selective service.

The exceptions are: 1. Men who have become fathers since September 14, 1942. 2. Registrants engaged in non-deferrable activities or occupations. The War Manpower commission has designated certain activities and occupations as non-deferrable. General Metts explained, and fathers engaged in these non-deferrable activities and occupations may be classified as 1-A and selected for service.

Bond Burning On County Program

County Paying Current Expenses, Interest And Gradually Buying In And Retiring Bonds

Fires in a stove in June are apt to make things very uncomfortable for whoever may be in the same room, but Monday when a packet of \$20,000.00 in Brunswick county bonds were being burned at the court house the several persons engaged in checking off the bonds and feeding the flames did not mind the heat.

On Long Trips For Menhaden

Boats Of Brunswick Navigating Company Now Making Long Round Trips To Georgetown For The Elusive Menhaden

The menhaden that were found off Southport a month ago have now disappeared and for the past few weeks the boats of the Brunswick Navigation Company have been making the long round trips to Georgetown, S. C., in order to bring in catches.

Include County In Latest Price Ceiling Orders

Johnson Announces That "Market Basket" Price Ceilings Are Effective In Brunswick On July 5th

BRUNSWICK IS AMONG 18 SOUTHEASTERN COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA AFFECTED BY NEW PRICE CEILING ORDER

"Market basket" price ceilings on grocery store items have been set by the Office of Price Administration for 18 additional counties, effective Monday, July 5, it was announced today by Theodore S. Johnson, district OPA director.

The counties covered in the latest order—all in the southeastern part of the state—are Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Jones, Lenior, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland.

Ladies Get In World Of Trouble

The election trial in Wilmington last week upset the normal routine of many Brunswick county people, but none more than the two Southport ladies who spent one day in the following manner:

Base Commander Given Transfer

Lt. Commander S. B. Haskell Leaves Section Base At Southport; Will Report For Sea Duty

Lt. Commander and Mrs. S. B. Haskell left for Charleston this past week, and after spending a short time there he will be sent to the South Pacific, where he will be on sea duty. It is understood that Mrs. Haskell will return to the former home in Cincinnati, Ohio, after leaving Charleston.

Old Gasoline Coupons Expire

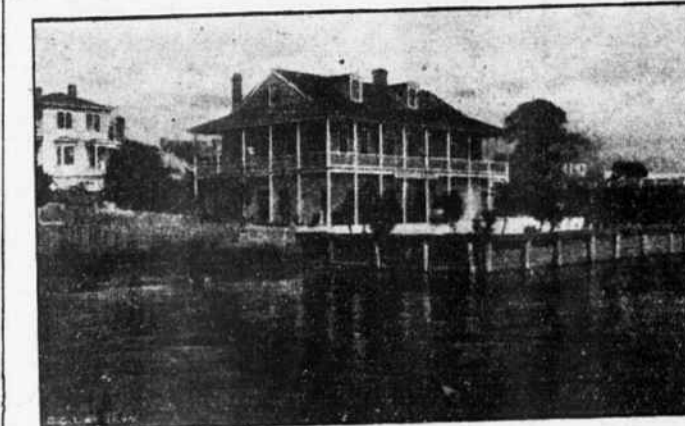
No Service Station Operators Should Accept Old Type Coupons After Wednesday, June 30, According To Officials

Service stations should not accept gas coupons from the old "T" books of commercial motor vehicle operators after June 30, officials of the Office of Price Administration warned today.

Winnabow Boy Finishes School

Bluejacket George Caswell Hickman, from Winnabow, has been graduated from the Naval Training School for electricians on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Ia. He was promoted to the petty officer's rating of electrician's mate, third class, upon graduating.

HISTORIC HOUSE



HOSTELRY.—Above is shown the old Stuart House at Southport. In former years it was operated by Miss Kate Stuart, who recently was suggested as a person in whose honor it would be fitting to name a Liberty ship.

N. C. Tobacco On Upgrade Annually, Specialist Says

AAA HAS HELPED CROP CONSIDERABLY Statistics Show That N. C. Produced More Tobacco Under AAA Supervision Last Year Than In 1932 When The Acreage Was Unlimited

RALEIGH.—The fact that tobacco grown in this State during the past eight years has averaged for this period more than 24 cents per pound must be attributed largely to the painstaking efforts now being employed by the farmers in the production and handling of this crop for market, according to W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Tharpe

Funeral services for Mrs. Gusie Tharpe, of Winnabow, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Reynolds cemetery with Rev. Woodrow Robbins in charge.

Winnabow Lady Dies At Doshier Memorial Hospital Following Lengthy Illness; Burial Made Tuesday

Mrs. Tharpe died Sunday afternoon at Doshier Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, George Tharpe; two sons, Hulan, with the U. S. Army Air Corps, Arkansas, and Walter, with the U. S. Army in Indianport, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Lucille Phillips, Wilmington; five brothers, Thurston Reynolds, New York City, Eugene Reynolds, Louisville, Ky., Pickard Reynolds, Supply, Everett and Emerson Reynolds, Wilmington.

Wilmington Bars Beer On Sunday

City Council Places Ban On Beer And Wine Sales From 11:30 P. M. Saturday Until 7 A. M. Monday

WILMINGTON.—Beginning Sunday, the city police department will enforce the city council's prohibition of beer and wine sales from 11:30 p. m. Saturday to 7 a. m. Monday, Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen warned dealers and consumers alike Thursday night.

Use Of Cameras And Glasses Barred Because Of Danger

ATLANTA, Ga., June 28.—Going to the beach? Well, don't bother to take your camera or binoculars with you, for they will just be something else to carry and you won't be allowed to use them.

Outlook Is Good For Truck Crops In This State

RALEIGH.—The State Department of Agriculture reports that North Carolina's truck crops are in "fair to good condition" but that harvesting of crops now ready for market is being hampered by unfavorable weather conditions and by labor shortages.