

Draft Board Holds Final Meeting Following Order Ending Selective Service

Brunswick County Board Had Unusual Distinction Of Having Two Members To Serve For Entire Period

Eloise St. George, Clerk, Is Getting Files And Other Records In Good Condition

Selective Service work throughout the country was discontinued this past week following nearly seven years of operation. Hereafter, for the time being at least, there will be no "greeting" received through mail from Uncle Sam.

Young men reaching age of 18 will no longer be required to register.

Brunswick county board, organized at the beginning of the war, while the country was preparing preparedness and security measures, was originally composed of H. M. Shannon, chairman, Price Furpless and J. E. Carr. Following the death of Shannon Mr. Furpless became chairman and J. E. Carr was named to the board. With Furpless and Loughlin he continued the work was discontinued this week. Few draft members throughout this period went through the whole process of work as Mr. Furpless and Loughlin did.

During the period of operation the young women served as clerks. They were in order of Mrs. W. Wells, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. Mrs. William Shannon, Mrs. Eloise St. George. At times a number of others assisted with the work. Miss St. George, although work is finished, has not yet been released. It is understood she will be retained to assist with the work of assembling and filing all records is completed.

SERVED ON DRAFT BOARD



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J. J. LOUGHLIN



J. E. CARR

Interest Being Shown In Coming Elections

Citizens Of Both Southport And Shallotte Showing Concern Over Naming Officials Of City Government

ERIKSEN PLANS TO MAKE RACE

Mayor Leon Galloway Is Undecided About Seeking Re-Election As Mayor Of Town Of Shallotte

Mayor John D. Eriksen, of Southport, stated this morning that he has decided to be a candidate for the nomination to succeed himself. At Shallotte Mayor Leon Galloway declared that he has not decided whether to make the race, but his friends declare that he will be a candidate.

Citizens of Brunswick county's only two incorporated towns are showing more than a normal amount of interest in the coming municipal election. This is particularly true here in Southport where there have been announcements and rumors of candidacy.

There are reports that B. M. Burris and G. C. Kilpatrick may be candidates for the office of mayor. Chas. M. Trott has already announced his candidacy, and W. S. Wells is another who may run.

There is considerable talk about the board or aldermen, but thus far the only announcement has come from James M. Wolfe and James E. Pinner, who will be candidates from the second ward. Prince O'Brien and Davis C. Herring are the representatives from this ward on the present board.

Colored Worker Accidentally Drowns

David Lawrence, 30-year old negro employee of the American Dredging company, was drowned last Wednesday when he fell off a pipe line into the Brunswick River ship storage basin.

The body is said to have been recovered within five minutes after he fell into the water but life was extinct. Coroner W. E. Bell was called and his investigation was left no doubt that the negro was accidentally drowned.

Special Services Being Planned Easter Sunday

Easter Cantatas Will Be Presented At Trinity Methodist Church And At Southport Baptist Sunday Evening

SERVICES GOING ON THIS WEEK

Week-Long Services At Two Churches Will Be Concluded With Easter Sunday Morning Services

Special Easter services will be held at three of the Protestant churches of the community next Sunday, while a Holy Week Communion service has been planned for St. Phillip's Episcopal church on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Youth Week services in progress at the Southport Baptist church throughout this week will be concluded at the hour for morning worship on Easter Sunday. At the evening service the Baptist church choir, under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Daniel, will present an Easter Cantata, "Crown Him King All Glorious." This service will be at 8 o'clock, marking a permanent change in the time for evening worship at the Baptist church.

At Trinity Methodist church, where a series of pre-Easter services has been in progress all this week, the climax of the revival will be reached at the Sunday morning service. There will be special music at this hour, but the big undertaking along the lines of special music for Easter will be at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. At that time a cantata, "Easteride," will be presented under the direction of Mrs. R. I. Mintz. Soloists for this program will include Mrs. H. C. (Continued on Page 4)

Farmers Warned About Penalty

Chairman Of Brunswick AAA Committee Points To Increased Penalty For Sale Of Weed In Excess Of Quota

In view of the increased penalty for marketing tobacco produced in excess of farm acreage allotments, and loan eligibility requirements, G. M. Bennett, chairman of the Brunswick County AAA Committee, cautioned flue-cured tobacco farmers this week against planting in excess of their allotments.

Mr. Bennett pointed out that all tobacco produced in excess of farm acreage allotments this year will be subject to tax amounting to 40 percent of the 1946 average market price instead of the flat 10 cents per pound effective in past years.

"Planting in excess by the larger of 0.3 of an acre or 5 percent of the farm allotment disqualifies all tobacco produced within the allotment from support loans," he stated, "and in such cases only the excess production will be eligible for support price—and that at just 60 (Continued on Page 4)

Prize Rockfish



GAITHER CRUTCHFIELD, Whiteville tobaccoist, is shown with his 29-pound rockfish which he caught in Lockwoods Folly a couple of weeks ago.

Superior Court Comes To Close Here Yesterday

Judge Hubert E. Olive Presided Over Abbreviated Session Of Court For Trial Of Civil Actions

DIVORCE CASES FEATURE SESSION

Total Of Eight Divorces Granted In Two Days; Other Matters Disposed Of By Court

The March term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil cases came to a close Tuesday morning following an abbreviated session which featured the trial of nine divorces.

Divorces were granted in the following actions: K. H. Davis vs Lillie F. Davis; Laura Hall vs Thomas Hall; Oleta Mooney Clemmons vs Willie Clemmons; Laura Lee Newell vs Robert Lee Newell; Warren Hewett vs Peggy Hewett; R. C. Wagoner vs Mamie Wagoner; German Evans vs Sarah E. Evans; Althea Price Smith vs Willie Smith; Claud Morris vs Henrietta J. Morris.

In the matter of Woodard vs Willie Frink and Collins Frink a survey was ordered by the court. Similar action was ordered in the action of Stanaland vs. Bennett.

A consent judgement was reached in the matter of Wm. S. Gause vs Kermit L. Causey, with one-half the costs to be paid by each party.

A judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the matter of (Continued on Page 4)

No Closed Season Planned For Freshwater Fishing

Sportsmen Who Go In For Freshwater Fishing May Continue Their Operations Uninterrupted

There will be no closed season on freshwater fishing in eastern North Carolina this year, and sportsmen may take their cane fishing poles, rod and reels and fish to their hearts content. They are reminded that in the case of using artificial bait it is necessary for them to have fishing licenses, also if they are not residents of the county in which they operate.

Then, too, it may be possible that the game and fish commission will designate several miles of this and that stream as a closed area. There will be no general closed season and few, if any, streams or lakes will be closed for their entire length or breadth. Plans as talked over last year were for ten mile stretches of some streams to be closed one year and open the next. While one section is closed the areas above and below will be open.

A sort of zoning system is understood to be contemplated, to handle the streams in

much the same manner that a farmer rotates crops from one field to another, and with fishing spots in abundance always open.

When interviewed this week District Game Protector H. T. Bowmer summed up his own understanding of the situation by saying: "There is not to be a closed season in this county, but the Fish and Game Commission may designate parts of some streams as closed. So far, no orders have been given to close parts of any streams and until these orders are received folks may go ahead with their fishing."

In addition to no closed season there is this year no size limit on members of the perch tribe. Likewise no days catch limit is in effect on such fish.

Normally and under the old conditions the general closed season began about the first of April of each year, lasting 40 days, during what sportsmen termed the very best period for fishing.

Shallotte Postoffice Has Long Record Of Service

Record Rockfish Caught Tuesday

Johnnie White, a resident of Ash, fishing in Town Creek last Tuesday with Richard White, also of Ash, made the catch of his life with an ordinary cane fishing pole and cork line when he boated a 45-pound striped bass. The fish was weighed by George Piver, storekeeper near Ash, and he is prepared to swear to the fish making the above weight two hours after it was taken from the stream. The head of the jumbo was brought to Shallotte Saturday to be shown to The State Port Pilot's representative. At that time, well dried out, the head of the fish weighed three and a half pounds.

The cane pole and line was a fairly light one. Mr. White was using a piece of pork rind for bait. When the huge fish struck he felt for several minutes that he had gotten fast to a floating submerged log. The water was about 20-feet deep and the fish went straight down and played along the bottom almost directly under the boat. There was little of either pole or line that was not submerged and it took over half an hour to bring the big fish to the surface where the other man ran his hand into its mouth and grabbed it by the gills.

Interesting Information Concerning Early Days Of Office Furnished By Former Postmaster W. R. Holmes

FIRST ESTABLISHED AT VILLAGE POINT

Complete List Of Names Of Persons Who Filled Job Of Postmaster Touches Some Old Families

Former Postmaster W. R. Holmes has furnished us with some data covering early operations of the Shallotte postoffice, and the Shallotte office is far from being an infant in years. Its original establishment was on February 21, 1837, and John F. Sellers was the first postmaster.

Originally the office was named Lockwoods Folly and is understood to have been at Shallotte Village Point. This location is in Shallotte township, although Shallotte town itself is in Lockwoods Folly. Following several years of operation as Lockwoods Folly the office was discontinued on December 29, 1858, and had a rather stop and go existence before, during and following the Civil War. On April 26, 1859, the name was changed to Shallotte. During the 60's it had its worst period, being discontinued on September 14, 1860, and not being reestablished until August 11, 1871.

At some early period of its operation the office was moved from the Village Point to the Dew Place, northeast of Shallotte, now owned by E. H. Gray, whose father was postmaster at the time. Finally at some unknown period it was moved to Shallotte.

The available list of postmasters at the Lockwoods Folly office, later Shallotte, as furnished by Mr. Holmes, together with the date of their appointment is as follows:

John F. Sellers, February 21, 1837;
Armilain Bryan, December 13, 1837;
William Brantley, January 21, 1837.
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Sunrise Service For Shallotte

Will Be Held At Shallotte Camp Methodist Church Next Sunday Morning; Services On Friday Evening

Easter sunrise services will be held at Shallotte Camp Methodist church next Sunday morning, beginning at 6 o'clock.

The program will be under the leadership of Miss Angella Hubbard, a member of the Shallotte school faculty. Music for the program will be in charge of Miss Virginia Brooks and Mrs. Alene M. Mintz.

On Friday evening of this week all of the churches on the Shallotte charge will join in a Good Friday program. The Rev. Richard Braunstein, pastor of the Shallotte circuit, will be in charge.

Legislation On County Matters Getting Action

New Bill Introduced By Senator Mintz Last Week Would Validate Recordation Of Maps Now On Record

SEVERAL OTHER BILLS MOVE ALONG

Two Bills Governing Town Of Shallotte Get Action, With Term Measure Being Ratified

Two new bills and several others affecting Brunswick county citizens that had been previously introduced made some progress through the legislative mill of the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh last week.

On Monday Senator R. I. Mintz introduced a measure designed to validate the recordation of certain maps in the office of the Register of Deeds for Brunswick county. The bill would declare all maps recorded in Book of Maps No. 1 and No. 2 to be as valid and binding in all respects as if such original recordation had been in full compliance with the statutory provisions governing such recordation. This bill was passed three readings in both the house and the senate.

Representative Odell Williamson's oyster bill, a resume of which was given last week, passed its third reading in the house and is now before the senate committee on commercial fisheries.

On Tuesday Senator Mintz collaborated with Senator Alton Lennon, of New Hanover, to introduce a bill relating to terms of Superior court in Brunswick and Pender counties. As it affects this county, the bill would provide for a civil term of court to convene on the second Monday, instead of on the first Monday, after the first Monday in September. The bill is now before the committee on courts and judicial districts.

The bill providing that Shallotte town officials be elected for a term of two years instead of for just one has been ratified.

The bill authorizing a special election in the Leland school district for a special school tax has been ratified.

The bill providing for a vote on the matter of extending the city limits for the city of Shallotte has passed its third reading in the Senate and is now before the calendar committee in the house.

Brunswick Boy Receives Letter

Youngster In Luxembourg Writes John Joseph Piggett To Thank Him For Gift Of Red Cross Clothing

John Joseph Piggett, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Piggett, of Shallotte, received a letter this week from a little boy in Luxembourg expressing grateful appreciation for the gift of a leather coat which the Brunswick county youngster contributed to the Red Cross clothing drive last spring.

Text of the letter follows:

"Bradenburg, February 25, 1947
"My Dear Friend,
"I have finding your address in an overcoat-dress what you have given to the Red Cross. Many thanks.

"You ask me who I am? A little Luxembourgian boy, twelve years old, black hair, blue eyes. I have also a brother, who is ten years old. I leave (live) with my parents in a little village, composed of fifty buildings in the country of Luxembourg, nearly two and one-half miles from the Germany. My father is working at the street. In the December of 1944 we must also leave our house and all things, to go away from the German brute, till near the France. I can't describe how we all were enjoyed to see our true American friends as liberators.

"Many American soldiers, also the General Patton, have find peace in a beautiful cemetery in our nice country near the town of Luxembourg. Perhaps you have hear of it. Never we can thanked enough our liberators.

"Little and little our and all the destructed houses in our village and country are reconstructed.

"At the moment it's very cold here (10-12 degrees) and much snow. We hope that the spring (Continued on Page Four)

Brief News Flashes

TO MEET

The regular first Thursday meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the Community Building.

TURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fergus and Mrs. L. C. Fergus and Mrs. L. C. Fergus have returned to Southport from a month's vacation in Florida. They made the trip by automobile.

BUILDING CAFE

James Long, who has one of the most modern filling stations, camp and general stores in this county, is constructing an additional building and will open up-to-date cafe to serve the community and his tourist business.

BACK TO SHALLOTTE

James S. Stone and Galloway, young Shallotte mechanics who have been living in Whiteville the past several months, have moved back to Shallotte. The boys, who are experts about cars, have leased the new Roney Cheers Garage and are now operating it.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN

The Passion Play is to be presented at Sharon Methodist church near Supply, Friday night of this week. This Easter story, telling the Christ as he walked and talked with his disciples, narrated by Mrs. Sam Lewis, superintendent of the Sunday school. All denominations are welcome to attend this play.

REGION MEETING

The regular meeting of the Shallotte Post 247, American Legion, will not be held Friday night of this week, owing to the Easter Holidays and services on that Friday night at Shallotte Methodist church. Commander Harry L. Mintz and Adjutant H. H. Linder state that instead of the meeting on Friday night the regular meeting of the Shallotte Post 247, American Legion, will be held Saturday night, April 6th.



Our ROVING Reporter

Our custom is to spend the whole of each Saturday at Shallotte. Even with a full day there we do not get to cover things as well as we like to. This past Saturday we had a very much abbreviated visit to our neighborhood town, did not get to see half the people we wanted to see nor do half the things we wanted to do. The way it happened was this: Saturday morning attorney and Mrs. G. Butler Thompson and Crawford Rourke decided early in the morning that they would go fishing. Both of them realize that it takes brains to catch fish, so they went to Shallotte and brought us home.

As a partial illustration of what we missed out on by not staying at Shallotte Saturday, our friend J. A. Barbot, owner of the Shallotte and Supply telephone system, was down there. He missed seeing us and so he came around by Southport on his

way home. His roundabout trip was just to tell us that he was in Lumberton the day before and saw John Sellers. There are two or three John Sellers in Brunswick county. This John went to Lumberton a few years ago, opened himself a sporting goods store and a big news stand, with all of which he is doing well. It seems he told friend Barbot that he wanted The State Port Pilot and Barbot came around from Shallotte to tell us about it.

Normally about half of the Brunswick county corn crop should have been planted before April. With the exceptionally bad February and March, only a small per cent of the crop has been seeded. Pearl Jones of Ash, was remarking Saturday that he got four acres planted last week and Monday of this week he was expecting to get in eight acres more. With half a break from (Continued on page 4)