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Behind-the-Scene Maneuvering Marks Past Week's City Politics

With election day less than a month away, and with 17 candidates beating the bushes for the six jobs on the city's ruling board there was a strange political quietness about Kinston this week.

The veteran politicians, including the incumbents and several who have held office before, were spending most of their time and energy lining up workers for that all-important May Third date with the electorate.

The newcomers, and those with one kind of air or another to grind, were busy having meetings, and making master strategy.

Numbered in that planning group are those residents of the Lawrence Heights community who are bitterly opposed to the city taking over the Carolina Power & Light Company's holdings inside the corporate limits.

Some over 130 of the 236 persons who will be affected by this change on May First have signed a petition opposing the change. A \$10 fee from each of the petitioners has been sought by the leaders of the group to retain the law firm of Jones, Reed and Griffin to appear before the Utilities Commission on April 15th for a special hearing on the matter.

How many of those who signed the petition have also kicked in with their cash is not publicly known.

It is pretty generally known to the public, however, that this group is wasting its time and money, since the Utilities Commission has no power over the electricity policies of the City of Kinston, and it has no alternative but to approve the transfer.

A form letter sent out to these utilities customers caused them to feel that they might have some legal recourse, but that is far from true.

At least one candidate walked out of a meeting in the law firm offices when it reportedly got a little "too anti-city power".

Olin Reed, a member of the firm, was a leading opponent of the most recent city bond issue for expansion of the power facility and is most outspoken in his disagreement with city power policies. Three of the 15 candidates for aldermen, Winston S. Wheeler, John C. Dall Jr. and Robert C. Deal, are running on this anti-city power policy.

Each of this trio is new to city (Continued on page 8)

Special Demonstration

Jones County Home Agent Hilda Lee urges all demonstration club members who possibly can to attend a special demonstration on pickling to be given next Thursday morning at 9:30 in the Ag. Building by Iola Pickett, extension service food preparation specialists. This is a demonstration for ALL home clubbers, Miss Lee emphasized and not just for project leaders.

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Light Registration

Last Saturday as registration books were first opened for the biennial city election on May Third only 75 new names were added to the books, and another 20 transfers from one precinct to another were reported. Registration places are the court house for those living south of Gordon and east of Queen, Eagle Warehouse for those living north of Gordon and east of Queen, Carolina Warehouse for those living south of Vernon and west of Queen and Harvey School for those living north of Vernon and west of Queen. The books will be closed after Saturday, April 23, so if you want to vote you'd better get on the books in the next ten days.

Cop Ball April 20th

Next Wednesday night the Kinston Police Department is holding its annual ball in the Central Warehouse on North Heritage Street and again this year, as in the past, the Kinston Cops have engaged one of the nation's top notch bands to provide the tunes for the evening. Ralph Flanagan's band and his featured instrumentalists and vocalists will be on tap for this event which is a highlight of the spring season in Eastern Carolina. Advance sale tickets can be procured from any member of the department, or by calling the office on West King Street. And if you're in a big hurry a call to 2144 will assure you a ticket in very short order.



PFC Marvin M. Meadows, 22, whose wife, Fernie, lives in Stella, recently participated in an Army training maneuver in Germany with the 5th Field Artillery Battalion. The exercise was part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's preparedness for the defense of Western Europe. Meadows, a cannoneer with the battalion's Battery B, entered the Army in December 1953 and received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey G. Meadows, Maysville, he attended Maysville High School.

This Was No Place For Anybody Trying to Diet



It's too bad that there is no such thing as "Smelleyism", since this picture would be far more effective if the wonderful aroma of salted hams and smoking barbecue went along with the view of the nine pigs being given their beauty treatment by Assistant Fire Chief Joe Halley. The occasion was the annual feed given last week by the Kinston Police Department. In the background Veteran Constable Jack Taylor, the chief cook, and Retired Police Captain D. F. Wilcox watch Halley at work. Beautiful ain't it; not Joe, or Jack but them roasting nine pigs.

Kinstonians at Work

For over 32 years Hines Ice Cream has been a favorite food in Eastern North Carolina and for most of those years the man in charge of preparing this delicacy has been Wilbur Benjamin Rider, pictured here with a batch that was just before going through the freezer on Wednesday morning of this week.

Rider is a native of Pamlico County, son of the late James and Mary Elizabeth Potter Rider, the latter still getting around pretty well at the age of 86.

Rider was the fifth child in a family of nine, three sons and six daughters. He was born October 24, 1895 and grew up in Pamlico County, near Cash Corner and within sight of Vandemere Creek, where he learned to swim and to catch speckled perch.

An agreeable recruiting sergeant in 1914 (July) permitted a small white lie to go into Army Records and aged Rider by two years so that he could enlist in the Army. Rider says now he wishes the Social Security Administration would accept his Army age.

Rider served for five years in the army, the last two as a first sergeant in the 21st Machine Gun Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division. He was overseas for 18 months during World War I and had the somewhat dubious honor of taking part in the famed battles of St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne.

In July 1919 Rider decided that he didn't want "no more of this Army life" and accepted his discharge, with thanks.

Returning to Kinston shortly after his father's death (May 1919) Rider worked for a while (Continued on Page Five)

Unusual Arrest

Police seldom arrest a driver who will admit that he actually is too drunk to be driving. Most claim that they have had one beer, or one small drink before breakfast and many claim that they have had absolutely nothing strong to drink. But Wednesday morning L. D. Spence of Kinston Route six parked his car in front of the Kinston Police Station walked in and said, "Lock me up. I'm too drunk to be driving. I may get out on the highway and kill somebody." The police obliged and now Spence is held under \$200 bond charged with drunken driving. . . .

Power Transfer Note

Carolina Power & Light Company Counsel Charles Rouse told Kinston officials Wednesday morning that he did not anticipate much difficulty in obtaining permission from the Utilities Commission to transfer his company's holdings inside the city to the city electric system on May First. Much of the protesting petition filed by Jones, Reed and Griffin, attorneys for those protesting the change, is "scenery", Rouse said, and the only issue likely to be considered by the commission is the city's ability to serve the customers.

Jones Xray Schedule

The free chest Xray survey being made in Jones and Lenoir Counties under the supervision of the health departments will provide facilities at the following places in Jones County during the coming week: At the court house in Trenton April 14, 15, 16 and 19. Maysville at Foscue's store on April 20, 21, 22 and 23. Pollocksville at Bender Candy Company on April 26, 27, and 28. Comfort school April 29 and 30. Hargett's Crossroads May 3 and 4 and Wyse's Fork May 5 and 6. The xrays are given from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. on each of these dates. Undressing is not necessary and less than a minute is needed for the entire operation. All persons 15 years old or older are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to get an all-important chest check.

Polio Shots to Begin

Plans now call for the beginning of inoculations of first and second grade pupils in all Lenoir County schools on Monday of this coming week. Last minute changes in the schedule were necessary due to the announcement that only two shots, rather than three will be necessary to protect against this dreaded disease, which has now almost come to the end of its crippling and killing road.