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QUINN IN THE 1945 LEGISLATURE

(Editor's note: We have asked Representative C. E. Quinn to prepare a column for the Times each week during the 1945 session of the legislature...

This is the fourth week of the 1945 Session of the Legislature, and while the total number of bills introduced in both House and Senate are not equal to that of last session in the same period...

During the past week the business of the Legislature has been moving along at a fast rate and several committees are now actively at work considering the bills as they are introduced...

A number of bills have been received regulating the conduct of the State's citizens and among these one of the most important is the one to create a Commission whose duty it will be to study the "General Statute" which is a repository of general regulations...

HB 72 and SB 58 (identical bills) were received that would increase salaries of teachers beyond that provided in the appropriations bill...

The Appropriations Committee began its work on the budget for the State's Educational program for the next biennium as it resumed its hearings Tuesday...

The following bills have been introduced by Duplin's Representative: HB 51, a bill to be entitled an Act to Require Cotton Brokers and other persons buying cotton to keep records of their purchases from producers...

HB 56, To authorize the Governing Bodies of the Towns of Wallace and Faison, in Duplin County, to refuse to issue licenses for the sale of wine and beer in their discretion...

HB 57, To amend Chapter 67 of the Public Local Laws of 1939 and Chapters 284 and 485 of the Session Laws of 1943, relating to the salaries of county officials in Duplin County...

Legislation and Government in North Carolina have evolved into a pretty definite pattern in the last fifteen or twenty years. Necessity fathered some of it but far seeing citizens and statesmen had something to do with it too...

Magnolia Soldier Dies From Wounds In Action

Pfc James Elmer Faison died in Italy Jan. 1st; Commanding officer writes parents.

Pfc. James Elmer Faison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Faison, died in Italy on January 1, of wounds which he had received in action on the night of December 30, 1944...

A phrase from a letter received by his parents from his battery commander read "your son was a good soldier, well liked by the men and always willing to help others. His devotion to duty was shown throughout the two campaigns in which he fought."

Pfc. Faison entered the service in October of 1942. He received his basic training at Ft. Bragg and Greenville, Pa. He went overseas in March, 1943 and debarked in North Africa.

He has a brother, Sgt. Kyle Faison, with the Army in England.

DUPLIN SCOUTS HOLD ANNUAL MEET; TURKEY DINNER

About sixty Scouters, their wives, parents and friends, held their first annual district supper meeting in the Masonic Lodge Building here Tuesday night...

The Rev. J. M. Murray of Wallace presented the state of new officers for 1945. They are: J. E. Jerritt, chairman; J. B. Stroud, Jr., vice chairman; J. M. Brock, organization and extension chairman; Al Cavanaugh, camping and activities; E. W. Faires, advancement; Dr. G. V. Gooding, health and safety; F. W. McGowan, finance; E. R. Ackerman, Cubbing; Decatur Blanchard, leadership and training; O. P. Johnson, commissioner; and Lewis Outlaw and Kenneth Taylor, members at large.

A turkey dinner prepared by Dr. and Mrs. Gooding, Mrs. J. E. Jerritt, and the Senior Girl Scouts of Kenansville was served. Miss Carolyn Williams sang a solo "Trees." She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ralph Carlton.

during Governor Cameron Morrison's administration. Governor McLean gave the State its Local Government Commission and county fiscal control act. Governor Gardner took the burden of working the roads off the backs of the counties, and Ehringhaus' administration assumed the responsibility of running the public school. Governors Hoy, Broughton and Cherry have and will carry on in that pattern.

The net effect is to make for efficiency and economy. The State gets more for the dollar in highways, in schools, and in public service in general. The large, more populous and richer counties carry most of the burden to be sure, which is as it should be, but the smaller and poorer counties get the same standard of service in roads, schools, health and so on.

The Governor of this State has no veto power, but he has a vast amount of influence in making laws and running the State's business. The Executive and Legislative departments work together harmoniously and progressively for a better State and for more and better public service.

This Legislature will spend more money than ever was spent in North Carolina for governmental service to the people. The total budget estimate for the next biennium in round numbers will approximate 220 millions of dollars, and this against about 163 million for the last biennium. Most of the increase is recommended for highway and public works, but there is an increase of more than eight millions a year in the general fund account. Whereas the State will spend about 57 millions or more this fiscal year, the budget estimate for the next fiscal year is 64 millions or more and about the same for the year 1946-47.

The most of the increase goes for public schools with the total up to nearly 44 millions and it may go even higher and perhaps a July 1, 1946. Substantial increases little above for the year beginning will also be provided for the University and other state institutions, and the heaviest increases should go to hospitals for the unfortunate and insane, for erring youth, etc. No extensive building program is contemplated until after the war, but just about all the money that can be wisely spent with the present facilities is what the Legislature has in mind for these institutions.

Appropriations for law enforcement seem to be lagging and this situation should not be allowed to persist, as this is one of the most important functions of good government.

Warsaw Boys Now On Way From Overseas

Mrs. C. J. Brown received a wire Saturday from her son, Glenn Brown, USN, stating that he had arrived in San Francisco after serving with the Navy for over three years in the South Pacific. Glenn is expected home before long and his brother, Lt. Clarence Brown, Jr., USNR, who has also been in the Pacific war zone is expected home in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brock received a telephone call Sunday night from their son, McDonald, USN, who had just landed in Norfolk, Va., from Bizerte, Africa. He went overseas in April, 1943 and was stationed in Bizerte after receiving the Purple Heart for being wounded. He left Africa Dec. 17. His brother, Sgt. Kenneth Brock, is with the Army Air Corps in France.

Sgt. Ray Bostic, son of Ed Bostic, Rt. 1, Warsaw, has been home on furlough from a camp in Florida after having served several years in the European war zone. He was twice wounded and is now at a redistribution hospital.

DUPLIN COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 5103 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County from the crop of 1944 prior to 1-16-45 as compared with 4681 bales for the crop of 1943.

Seven From Duplin At Wake Forest

Seven students from Duplin County are among the 555 enrolled at Wake Forest College. They are: Harvey Brinson of Beulaville, Eldridge McKay Thigpen, also of Beulaville; Robert Dunn Maready of Chinquapin; Henry Marvin West of Kenansville; Gloria Hortense Blanton of Teachey; and Allen Wells Draughon, Jr., and Cassie Ruth Herring, both of Warsaw.

Brinson is interested in engineering. Thigpen, Maready, West and Draughon are taking the pre-medical course. Miss Herring is taking a pre-nursing course, and Miss Blanton plans to do mission work.

Counting students enrolled in the Joint Wake Forest-Duke Law School and the Bowman Gray School of medicine of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, Wake Forest has a total enrollment this season of 756. The freshman class enrollment this fall, 315, is the largest in the college's history, President Thurman Kitchin reported.

Wake Forest has successfully launched a \$7,000,000 Enlargement Program, \$2,000,000 of which will be used in the construction of new buildings and \$5,000,000 as an addition to the endowment.

Local Boy Commissioned Ensign in Navy

Norwood Boney, Jr., was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy on Wednesday of last week when he completed his course of study at Northwestern University in Chicago. He has been transferred to Miami, Fla., for intensive training.

Kenansville Church Calendar

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 11:00 A. M.

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10: A. M. Sunbeams meet immediately after Sunday School in church. W. M. S. Meets Monday after noon. Choir practice, Friday night 8:00 in the church.

GROVE PRESBYTERIAN Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Worship Service 11:15 A. M. JUNIOR CHOIR The Kenansville Junior Choir meets Wednesday night at 8:00 in the Community Building.

Bronze Star

Cpl. Roger Hill of Beulaville has been awarded the Bronze Star for action against the Nazis. His citation tells how Corporal Hill left his foxhole to extinguish a fire in a powder dump started by enemy shells. He then aided two wounded comrades to safety and ran 40 miles to get them medical help. He was injured in the action and now is in a hospital at Atlanta, Ga., suffering from a paralyzed foot and leg. His wife is the former Mildred Jones of Beulaville. He is the son of W. G. Hill and the late Mrs. Hill.

Pvt. Leon Dupres Outlaw, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Outlaw, Jr., of near Mt. Olive, has been credited with killing 100 Germans during a six-day siege near Iloilo, Iloilo, Iloilo. He entered service April 6, 1944.

Retired Warsaw Merchant Dies

Funeral for Stephen E. Hines held Tuesday afternoon; Native of Beulaville; Would have been 90 next birthday.

By Mrs. Ella Wommack

Funeral services for Stephen Edward Hines were held from the home on Hill Street on Tuesday afternoon with his pastor, the Rev. D. L. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. G. V. Stephens, of the Baptist church, and the Rev. A. M. Williams, of the Methodist church, conducting the services.

Mr. Hines died on Monday afternoon at 1:40 p. m., after an illness of two weeks. He had been in declining health for several years but was as well as usual until his recent illness.

He was born in Duplin county, the son of Stephen Miller and Rebecca Kennedy Hines of Beulaville. His parents were pioneer settlers of that section of the county and were identified with its history.

In 1885 he married Miss Plina Stevens of Warsaw, the youngest daughter of Henry Stevens of Sampson county and Martha Best Stevens of Duplin county.

Mr. Hines would have been 90 years old if he had lived until May 8th, 1945.

He came to Warsaw about 64 years ago and opened a mercantile business and became known as one of the most outstanding merchants of the county. He retired twenty five years ago and since that time had devoted himself to making his family comfortable and happy.

He was a man of sterling qualities and deep convictions, noted for his kindness and honesty, integrity and his ideals for living. His motto was "Let me live right and not condemn others who do not live as I do, but let me lend them a helping hand." His many deeds of charity and kindness were done quietly and without ostentation.

Throughout this section of North Carolina. In his passing Warsaw has lost one of its most respected and loved citizens.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Plina Stevens Hines, two sons, Will E. and Herman Hines; two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Williams and Mrs. Walter P. Bridges; all of Warsaw, and six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Pinecrest cemetery where a large crowd gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to a godly man.

Active pallbearers were: Judge Henry L. Stevens, Walker Stevens, Paul D. Johnson, Leslie Brown, Russ R. Otter, and Walter Gresham.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. W. Best, Dr. J. E. Williams, J. C. Strickland, E. F. Strickland, J. C. Russ, R. W. Blackmore, Howard Blackmore, E. J. Hill, John Peirce, Edgar Follock, Street Korngay, John Frederick, A. Brooks, Warren Smith, A. L. Cavanaugh, Frank Thomas, Jim Barden, P. L. Page, Wayne Jordan, John R. Barden, Dr. J. W. Farrior, M. V. Orr, Fred Barrs, H. D. Farrior, Dr. E. P. Ewers, J. J. West, F. P. Harmon, J. C. Thompson, I. J. Sandlin, Henry Register, J. M. Weeks, Joe Best, D. F. McGowan, and D. S. Williamson.

Consumer Front Little Changed

The consumer front little changed with continued tight rationing. Most consumers recognize that 1945 will be a tight year. Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., voluntarily stopped output of electric irons in its factory in Mansfield, Ohio, where half of an authorized 157,000 irons had been completed.

Every town, every business district is asked by the government to turn off advertising signs, dim illumination and use electricity sparingly to save coal for winning the war.

Commissioners Request Authority To Increase Certain Salaries

Tar Heel Hero

Petition Quinn repeal Acts in Legislature limiting salaries of certain county officials; Would leave increase to discretion of board; Quinn introduced bill; Editorial comment by J. B. Grady.

At a recent meeting of the Board of County Commissioners a resolution was passed requesting Representative Quinn to introduce a bill in the legislature which would repeal and replace two acts now on the statute books limiting the salaries of members of the board of commissioners and certain deputy sheriffs. The bills removed this authority from the board. In most cases, except clerical offices, the board sets the pay schedule.

The resolution reads as follows: "North Carolina, Duplin County, Before the Board of Commissioners, January 1st, 1945. Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County that our Representative in the General Assembly secure the passage of an act amending Chapter 485 of the 1943 Session Laws of North Carolina and amending Chapter 67 of the Public Local Laws of North Carolina - 1939 - so that the salaries of all county employees may be in the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to our Representative in the General Assembly.

This the 1st day of January, 1945."

It will be recalled that Chapter 67 of the Public Local Laws of North Carolina, 1939, related to salaries of certain deputy sheriffs. Chapter 485 of the 1943 Session Laws dividing the county into five commissioner districts and limiting the salaries of each commissioner was introduced by Representative Quinn after a public vote of the people of the county in which a majority voted in favor of the act. There has been no vote on a proposed change. Mr. Quinn has introduced the bill and it probably will be passed.

Editorial note: The publisher of the Times was very interested in the passage of the 1943 act and encouraged the same. It will be recalled that prior to the passage of said act, after the people by a referendum had requested the same, that some commissioners were drawing tremendous salaries. They paid themselves any amount they pleased. We would add, at this time however, that considering the cost of living and travel, that there is some justification in our commissioners receiving more pay than they get at present. You state pay did not attract the calibre of men we need on our board. However, we should caution ourselves that should a group be elected who have no consideration for the taxpayers they could pay themselves any amount they so desired. The editor believes that the present board can be trusted to use wise discretion in the matter but events of the past prove that such board members do not always take a reasonable attitude.

As to increase in pay for certain deputy sheriffs, the board had no such authority when they gave a 10 per cent increase to other county employees recently and it seems a little unfair that some get increases and others do not.

It must also be kept in mind that the 1943 act was introduced after a referendum by the people and not merely at the request of the board. Even though there may be justification for action at the present time it may prove dangerous to give a small group of men the power to override the vote of the taxpayers at large.

By J. B. Grady.

Local O. E. S. Meets Special Communication

The Kenansville Chapter No. 215 O. E. S., met in "Special Communication" on Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd, for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidates.

The candidates present were all men receiving Dempsey W. Smith, Earl D. Smith, and J. Rodolph Davis into our Order.

Mrs. Hamilton of Pink Hill, was unable to be with us for her initiation, and will come in with later candidates.

Thirty-six members were present for this meeting. Special music was rendered by Sister Thelma Stroud. Refreshments were served during the social period following the business of initiation.

The Chapter wishes to thank Sister Ruby Newton and her committee for arrangement of the hall, and Sister Ella Gooding and her committee for serving refreshments.

Bessie Korngay, W. M. Pearl Korngay, Sec.

KEEP THE TRUST AND GUARD IT WELL FOR THE MOST IS NOT TO TELL.

Three Duplinites Reported Wounded in Action

A recent news release from the War Department lists two from this county as wounded in action. Pfc. Zackery J. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Jones of Rose Hill and Pvt. George W. Whaley, son of Mrs. Matilda J. Whaley of Kenansville have been wounded while in the Central Pacific area.

Ts Marvin H. Parker, son of Eli Parker of Rt. 2, Wallace was wounded while in action in the European area.

Notes From The County Agent's Office

SWEET POTATOES

Farmers with sufficient labor have a good opportunity this year to supplement their farm income by growing sweet potatoes. There is a firm demand for good grade potatoes.

North Carolina is one of the leading sweet potato producing states, standing third in production last year with 13,907 cars. Only 1160 of these were shipped. This means a lot of potatoes were lost in storage due to disease and poor storage and handling.

An effort is being made thru-out the state to improve the quality of potatoes. Six cars of disease free, certified seed potatoes were imported from Louisiana last year. From this seed stock approximately 20,000 bushels of certified seed are available to North Carolina farmers this year. Any farmer interested in getting some of these high quality seed sweet potatoes may place their order by February 10th with the County Agent, who will have a cooperative shipped into Duplin County.

FERTILIZER

Ample fertilizer materials will be available for 1945. There is a shortage of labor and transportation, therefore, farmers should determine their fertilizer needs and place their orders early. Those who wait until the last minute will likely have trouble getting their fertilizers.

COTTON

There is a large supply of low grade short staple cotton in storage. Present market demand is for good quality cotton. Premium prices are paid for quality cotton. Farmers should use quality seed from reputable sources which will help them produce the quality cotton that is in demand.

It costs very little more to grow an acre of good quality cotton than an acre of poor cotton.

All planting seed should be treated with ceresan.

Deep Run Soldier Receives Fourth Cluster

Sgt. Vernie Heath, Jr., of Deep Run, has been decorated with a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for meritorious achievement on more than 25 missions over Europe. He is a waist gunner with a B-17 Flying Fortress combat crew. The 21-year-old waist gunner has taken part in bombing attacks on Munster, Soest, Kassel, Gagganau, Merseburg, Frankfurt, Rheine, Cologne, Madgeburg, Stargard, Politz, Hannover, Mannheim, Gelsenkirchen and other vital enemy installations.

This One Is John Ivey's Story

In a recent tale published in The Times, Floyd Smith said it was not John Ivey Smith's story. Now John Ivey comes along and clarifies the situation by saying that "Floyd has quit work and gone to lying and I've quit lying and gone to work." We'll leave it to friends of both to decide who is right.

RATION CHANGES

Washington, Jan. 24.—The ration value of margarine will be raised from two to three red points a pound beginning midnight, Jan. 28, to discourage its use for cooking purposes, OPA announced today.

Creamy butter will remain 24 points, and the only other February ration changes will be return point-free bacon stems and fat pork cuts to the ration list one point a pound beginning midnight Sunday, when the new ration period begins.

OPA also announced that more red stamps, Y5, Z5, B2, D2, totaling 60 points, would come valid on Jan. 28 for meat and fats. Five blue stamps, J2, K2, L2, and M2, totaling points will become valid Feb. 1 for rationed canned goods.

Civilians will find less meat, butcher shops in February. OPA also forecast a slight increase in February supplies of butter and margarine, but decreases in cheeses, lards, and cooking oils.

POINTS FOR 5 WEEKS

Washington — Because the ration period covers five weeks, housewives will receive 60 instead of 50 red points for buying meat and dairy products.

New period begins January and will extend through March.

Misunderstood Wife — Darling, the new has burned the bacon and would you be satisfied with couple of kisses — for break Hubby — Sure, Bring her

The scrapbooks some people keep contain scraps.

KEEP AMERICA STRONG JOIN the MARCH of DIMES JANUARY 14-31