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## Chas. M. Johnson, Candidate For Governor Speaks To Local Lions

North Carolina and its present financial status was taken as the subject of a talk by State Treasurer, and candidate for Governor, Chas. M. Johnson, before the Kenansville Lions Club and invited guests here Wednesday night. Mr. Johnson touched on the expansion in government requiring many additional departments that are here to stay.

He said, North Carolina, like any other state in the union, levies no tax on real estate. North Carolina has the only state in the union that maintains and constructs all roads in the state and maintains and guarantees a 9 month school year for a 12 year term.

Our state finances, he explained are set up into different categories. We have our highway fund which operates on its own from moneys collected for that purpose.

Our general fund which maintains and operates the balance of the State government is separate and apart. Both departments now have adequate surpluses.

Mr. Johnson emphasized the economic conditions in the state, pointing out that just as fast as possible children in the poorer counties will have the same opportunities as those in wealthier counties.

The last General Assembly, he pointed out, set aside a reserve fund, having in mind when the economic conditions of the county began to swing back, which they are bound to do, this fund will carry the extra salary loads longer. In other words, when the capital starts up again, when the teachers did not get the wages of it for a period of two years. When it starts downward, they will be protected for two years.

Johnson said he was in favor of Federal Aid to schools but not with general control.

He predicted we will have cheap money for several years to come. The cut in tobacco acreage is the last sign that we must be prepared for a turn back.

For the first time in over a hundred years, he said, North Carolina has no general fund debt so far as cash on hand is ready for payment as debts are made.

Touching on State institutions, he said the last General Assembly set aside \$5,000,000 for improvements and the time to spend that money is when you have it.

Quoting him he said, "I don't think we'll ever have to issue any more bonds in North Carolina, certainly not for the next 25 years."

Pointing to problems that may arise in the future, Mr. Johnson said he favored crossing your bridges when you get to them. If we don't have men in our government capable of doing that then it's time to put some there who can.

Acting president Lacy Weeks presided and recognized guests from Beulaville, Wallace, Warsaw, Clinton, Goldsboro; also members of the County Board of Commissioners and other County Officials. About 50 attended. The speaker was introduced by Supt. O. P. Johnson.

A sumptuous turkey supper was served by the Kenansville Cafe. The meeting and supper was held in the school lunch room.

## Drive "Carefully" Is The Word

Don't let death take your holiday! With that slogan as a keynote, Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. C. Rosser today asked all motorists to exercise special care in driving during the approaching holiday season.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season has proved to be the most hazardous single period of the year, he said. Heavier travel and the festive spirit increases the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness. Last December, 193 persons were killed on North Carolina streets and highways, 16 of these lost their lives during the holidays from the 23rd through the 31st of December. And on Christmas Day alone, 11 persons met their deaths on our highways.

Col. Rosser said that Christmas is the season to be merry, but it is also the season to be wary. He warned that traffic would be unusually heavy and asked all motorists to cooperate fully in an effort to reduce highway accidents and fatalities. He especially urged that all drivers refrain from drinking while they drive, for " liquor when mixed with driving can be one of our most deadly enemies."

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl six years old, and in the first grade. I want you to bring me a D-o-l-l and a pair with a shoulder strap. I also want some fruit and candy.

## Duplin Receives Its Own; World War II Victim Brought Home; Buried

Pvt. Richard F. Jordan, age 23, at the time of his death, was laid to rest near his home in Pinecrest Cemetery in Warsaw Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

Pvt. Jordan is the first Duplin soldier killed on foreign soil to be returned home for burial. The remains arrived at Quinn-McGowan Funeral Home Tuesday night from Charlotte.

Services were conducted in the Funeral Home by Rev. G. Van Stephens.

He is survived by his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan of Warsaw

Rt. 2; one brother, Clifford of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Waters of Clinton, Mrs. Mildred Harper of Warsaw and Miss Marie Jordan of the home.

Pvt. Jordan was killed on July 14, 1944 in the battle of St. Lo in France, where he was buried. He was in service 18 months, serving 4 months overseas. He wore two battle stars.

His burial in Warsaw was with Military honors by members of the Chas. R. Gavin Post, American Legion.

## "A" And "B" Drivers Urged To Take Re-Examination Within Next 17 Days

Persons whose last names begin with A or B have only 17 days (from Dec. 9) left in which to renew their driving licenses without fear of penalty.

The Motor Vehicles Department announced today that out of the estimated 180,000 A and B drivers in North Carolina, only around 90,000 had thus far obtained new licenses.

Time is drawing short, and persons whose surnames begin with A or B who are caught driving after January 1 on an old license will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25.

Col. J. J. Hatcher, Commander of the State Highway Patrol, has announced that he plans to have patrolmen make spot checks along the highways after the first of the year for the purpose of catching delinquent A and B motorists.

Only 17 days remain for these drivers to renew their licenses, due to the fact that Christmas holidays for state employees will begin at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, December 25, and continue through December 28. In some areas of the state where an examiner goes only one or two days a week, the time is much more pressing.

The A's and B's were given the period last January 1 and continuing through December 31 to take

a re-examination and obtain new licenses. And 104 license examiners were placed on duty to take care of the re-examination program.

Beginning January 1 and continuing through June 30, 1948, persons whose last names begin with C and D will be re-examined. The Motor Vehicles Department is urging these persons to report to their examining stations early in the year, so as to avoid the last minute rush that is now prevalent with A and B drivers.

All licenses being issued under the re-examination program will expire on the birthday of the licensee in the fourth year following issuance. Licenses will not be renewed without a complete and thorough examination each time. In this way, the Department hopes to weed out the poor and inefficient drivers that are likely to cause accidents on our highways.

A schedule for other groups of drivers follows: E, F, and G - from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1948. H, I, J, and K - between Jan. 1, and June 30, 1949. L and M - between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1949. N, O, P, and Q - between Jan. 1 and June 30, 1950. R, S, and T - between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1950. U, V, W, X, Y, and Z - between Jan. 1, and June 30, 1951.

## Seal Sales Reported Good

Seal Sale returns continue to come in each day in a very gratifying manner. Mr. Lewis W. Outlaw Seal Sale Chairman for the Duplin County T. B. Association stated today. The net contributions after the 2nd week of sale amounts to \$805.

This Mr. Outlaw states is a long way from the goal of \$3000.00. However, he feels that it will be met as many contributors are yet to be heard from. Money from the sale will defray the expense of a public education and general T. B. case finding and will be one step more towards bringing Duplin up in the more progressive county bracket.

## Beulaville Lodge Elects Officers

The Beulaville Masonic Lodge, No. 658, held an election of officers on December 2nd. Grady Mercer was elected Worshipful Master. Other officers elected were: A. L. Mercer, Senior Warden; Joseph Smith, Junior Warden; Leonard Kennedy, Senior Deacon; Led Williams, Junior Deacon; Leslie Kennedy, Tyler; James Miller and J. B. Kennedy, Stewards; Norwood Miller, Treasurer; Foy Jones, Jr., Secretary and Arthur Kennedy, Chaplain.

The new officers will be installed on the first Tuesday night in January.

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## Daniel Royall Fatally Injured When Auto Hits Motor Bike

Daniel Thomas Royall, about 55, farmer of Rt. 2, Warsaw, was fatally injured on Highway 11 near Deep Run at 4:30 p. m. Saturday when his motorbike was struck by a car driven by James Grady, 18-year-old resident of Seven Springs, Rt. 1.

Royall died of head and internal injuries in Memorial General Hospital, Kinston early Sunday morning.

State Patrolman J. D. Gay is-

sued a warrant on a tentative charge of manslaughter pending a hearing before the grand jury at the January term of Superior Court.

Coroner Raymond T. Jarman fixed Grady's bond at \$300.

Grady told Patrolman Gay that Royall was riding alone. Grady's car was damaged to the extent of \$200 and the motorbike was demolished. No one else was injured.

## K P C HOLDS 14th ANNUAL MEET CARLTON, KING REELECTED OFFICERS

997 members and guests attended the annual stockholders meeting of the Kenansville Production Credit Association at the local school auditorium last Saturday. It was the 14th annual meeting.

President Eugene R. Carlton of Warsaw presided over the meeting. Following the program, which included several speakers, a business meeting was held.

E. R. Carlton was elected a director and re-elected president. Fred Outlaw was named vice-president, and Garland King, secretary-treasurer.

During the past year the Association has made 1054 loans, totaling \$927,000. A reserve amount of \$65,000 has been built up to protect the member's investment.

## Kenansville Is Lighting Up For Xmas; Lions Sponsoring Prizes

The lights have gone on in Kenansville again. For the first time since the war, Kenansville merchants, though small in number, are having Christmas lights strung over part of the business district and Christmas trees are being lighted on the courthouse square.

The local Lions Club is sponsoring a home and yard decoration

contest. For the most attractively home and yard the club is offering \$25 in cash. A second prize, a small radio, and a third prize, a two year subscription to the Duplin Times is being offered.

Judging will take place Tuesday night, December 23rd. All judging will be done from the exterior.

## SAID HE COULDN'T GO OFFICER CHANGES HIS MIND

A warrant was issued recently in Pender County against W. Ray Taylor of Duplin, on a charge of abandonment and non-support. Duplin officers served the papers and he was placed under a \$200 bond to appear before Justice of the Peace Blake in Burgaw on Dec. 6th. Mr. Taylor informed Deputy Smith a few days ago that he could not go to Burgaw until some time in January. Mr. Smith replied, "Come along with me and we'll give you a free ride." Mr. Taylor changed his mind, deciding suddenly he could be in Burgaw on the 6th.

## BFG Music Club

The McDowell Music Club held its second meeting on December 2. The roll call was answered by a musician's name from each pupil. After a discussion on joining the National Guild, Anise Kelly read about Chopin's life. We had several of his selections: "The Funeral March", played by Ruth Teachey; Mary Rose Sutton sang "Till The End of Time", and Estelle Waller played "Polonaise in A". The club is holding its Christmas party with an exchange of gifts on December 16.

It was decided to answer roll call at the next meeting by naming a musical term.

By Estelle Waller.

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I have a baby brother 15 months old that I don't want you to forget. Oh No, or my sister that is 13, also the one that is 14; a brother that does the work, he is 17. My mother said she would be happy without anything if you could leave her children a little bit.

Goodbye until Xmas.  
George Daniel Lanier

## Johnson Be In Wallace Dec. 22

Chas. M. Johnson, candidate for Governor, will be in Wallace on December 22, to stand the

## Retires From Mail Carrying After 30 Yrs. 9 mos. Service In Duplin

Street Kornegay, popular rural mail carrier of Warsaw, has received notice of his retirement, effective in September. Mr. Kornegay, only 57 years old, but passing retirement age, was retired because of poor health. He has been unable to carry his route for more than a year now.

Mr. Kornegay says he has thoroughly enjoyed the 30 years he has been plying the roads of Duplin to deliver the mail. He has made hundreds of friends who hate to see him have to give up the work.

Street first started carrying mail

in Duplin from the old Post Office, "Albertson" in Albertson township, located at the home of W. J. Grady. Mr. Grady was the Postmaster. Mr. Kornegay built a small hut on the Grady lot, which still stands, and lived in the hut, having meals with the Gradys. He carried the Albertson route 3 years when he was transferred to Warsaw. He began there on route 3, later taking over route 2, at present the largest route.

At present substitute O. H. Best is carrying the route and probably will continue until an examination is held and a carrier named.

## Kenansville Baptists To Build First Manse Here; Work Under Way

The congregation of the Kenansville Baptist Church voted recently to build a manse on a lot just west of the Williams place on the Beulaville highway.

A committee composed of C. B. Sitterton, Chm., J. O. Stokes, W. M. Brinson, Mrs. C. D. Dobson and Mrs. A. C. Holland was appointed to investigate the possibilities and given the authority to let a contract.

The contract has been given to Dall and Fields of Wallace with the understanding the house will be

completed within 120 days, weather permitting. Already materials are arriving.

The building is to be a brick veneer structure, story and a half when finally completed. At present it will contain a living room, dining room, kitchen, study and two bedrooms. The attic will be floored to make room for storage and two more bedrooms later if desired.

This is the first time the Baptists have ever owned a manse here.

## Beulaville Business Men Organize Civics Club; Plan Town Betterment

The business men of Beulaville, observing extended growth of their town in recent years, gathered in the Agricultural building at the school house Tuesday night and formed the town's first civics organization. Around 60 men attended and joined the club. They decided to name it the Beulaville Civics Club. It will meet once a month, each 2nd Tuesday night.

After discussing the need for such a cooperative organization, the following officers were elected: Gordon Muldrow, president; Wm.

Jackson, vice president; Cecil Miller, secretary-treasurer; and Bob Demorest, director of publicity.

The first project the club will sponsor is the round dance in the school gymnasium on December 19th. All moneys made by the organization will go toward the improvement and betterment of the town.

An enthusiastic spirit prevailed among all present and with the large membership and spirit of cooperation found in the town, it is predicted that many worthwhile things will be accomplished.

## Cedar Fork Church Dedicates Eight New Sunday School Rooms

The congregation of the Cedar Fork Baptist Church has recently redecorated the church auditorium and new opaque white art glass windows installed.

The Sunday School building recently completed has eight classrooms newly furnished.

A special all day service of dedication was held Sunday, Nov. 30

at which time the Rev. J. V. Case of Rose Hill delivered a special message in the morning. Dinner was served on the grounds. In the afternoon a special message was brought by Rev. J. L. Powers of Benson. Rev. A. M. Whitted of Fuquay Springs made the charge to the Deacons.

## Some Purposes Of The Farm Census Survey Reports

Legislative Act Changes Survey Reports To Every Five Years By F. W. MCGOWEN

Farm Census Survey Reports provide farmers with a long record of acreages, livestock and fertilizers for future reference in the event such records are needed. No one other than the owner may secure copies of such individual reports, because they must be treated as confidential information under the law.

The Farm Census provides an excellent measure of the manner in which local agriculture adapts itself to the rapidly changing farm economy. Each farmer has available to him his personal report, county and state summaries. Annual census data is not available from any other source. No other agency collects data on this large number of items or from all farms.

County agricultural programs have factual data as a basis for attracting markets, facilitating transportation of equipment, supplies and other necessities.

The census provides basic information on all agricultural production and practices, which are essential for planning sound progressive agricultural programs for the counties. Annual county and state summaries are available to government, private, and civic organizations which work for the welfare of the farmer, and from them as the source.

County data encourages local interest in the progress being made by farmers of the county. The farmers have more support due to this interest and acceptable evidence.

County farm statistical information is dependent on this type and source of survey.

Farmers are urged to be prepared when they list their 1948 county taxes during the month of January. Tax listing begins January 1. By a 1947 Legislative Act, the Farm Census was changed from an annual survey to one every five years. This survey will be made in 1948, and not again for five years.

We cannot over-emphasize the importance of these reports for all farms in order that greater agricultural service values may be obtained for our county.

At each meeting they are urging the farmers to buy and take delivery as early as possible on their 1948 fertilizer needs.

The series will be concluded next week with meetings at Warsaw at 7:30 Monday night; Faison at 7:30 Tuesday night; and Beulaville at 7:30 Wednesday night.

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