

Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

Warsaw was a very prosperous town in 1940 which grew from a strictly agricultural community and many of the local businesses reflected the deep roots of farm.

Along the Way began a review of articles about Warsaw merchants published by the DUPLIN TIMES in 1940. The April 4, 1940 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES recognized the deep-rooted connection of agriculture to the town of Warsaw. Featured businesses in the April 4th issue were farm supply stores and livestock companies. The DUPLIN TIMES pointed out some of the oldest businesses in Warsaw were the farm supply stores and livestock companies; these same establishments were among the oldest businesses in Duplin.

The farm supply houses catered strictly to agricultural needs offering both wholesale and retail service. Items sold in most of the farm supply stores were heavy feeds, seeds, groceries, clothing and shoes, farm equipment, farm machinery, fertilizers, harness supplies for livestock, hardware, dry goods and notions, farm supplies and building materials, hay, grain, farm implements, crates and package materials for farm crops and tobacco flues. These businesses also purchased local farm produce, feedstuffs and meats.

D.E. Best General Store was the oldest merchant featured in the April 4 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES. Best operated the oldest general merchandise and farm service store in the town of Warsaw and one of the oldest businesses in Duplin County. The general store was opened by L.P. Best in 1893. After the death of L.P. Best in 1925, the store became known as D.E. Best General Store. Best's store was noted as the most complete farm supply business in Warsaw. And, during 1940 D.E. Best and six assistants operated the business.

J.C. Russ operated the third oldest business in Warsaw. Russ established a farm supply store in 1916. The store offered farm supplies, building and mason materials, hay, grain, heavy feeds, seeds, fertilizer, farm equipment and tobacco flues. Russ also farmed and would purchase local produce and feedstuffs at his store. Duplin Supply Company offered farm supplies and was operated by D.J. Rivenbark and H.E. Thigpen. The farm supply center had just recently opened in 1940 at the former site of the Rivenbark grocery store. The store dealt exclusively with heavy feed, selling both wholesale and retail to local farmers. Duplin Supply was being managed by Thigpen and operated as the only exclusive heavy feed store between Goldsboro and Kinston. Local farmers could bring their produce, corn, meat and poultry to trade with Duplin Supply Company.

Warsaw had two livestock dealers which carried a large stock of horses, mules, cattle and hogs. Both livestock companies were considered the biggest between Goldsboro and Wilmington. Many of the animals supplied by the livestock companies were shipped to Warsaw by railroad, but the stock also included some local horses, mules, cattle and hogs. According to the DUPLIN

TIMES the majority of the animals sold by the livestock dealers were ordered and arrived a train carload at the time. The best selection of work animals was found from September to early May.

R.H. Best established his livestock company in 1898. The business had grown over the years and in 1918 a building was constructed to house over 100 head of livestock. Best dealt only with horses and mules. In addition to operating the livestock company, R.H. Best farmed and produced a great deal of the feed for his stock.

J.J. Barden Jr. was the second livestock dealer in Warsaw. Barden began his business in 1914 and by 1940 he had the reputation of being one of eastern North Carolina's leading livestock suppliers. The business operated from a building stabling more than 100 animals from horses and mules to cattle and hogs. Barden also purchased a great deal of feed stuffs from local farmers to feed the livestock at his business.

In addition to the farm supply centers featured this week in Along the Way, the past two weeks reviewed 1940 articles about Warsaw grocers and markets, furniture, appliance and hardware centers, communication and transportation offices and department stores.

THANKS!

Duplin County is a fine county to be really proud of but I feel especially proud of a little town called Kenansville, N.C.

During the past three months I've been in and out of the hospital having major surgery. I'm happy to report I'm back at work again but none of this would have been possible without the fine staff of doctors and nurses here at Duplin General Hospital who found my trouble and referred me to Green-

ville, N.C. Pitt Memorial Hospital where I've had surgery twice and extensive tests run.

My prayers and thanks go out to Dr. Boyette and Dr. Larry Lewis and staff at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

My sincere thanks also goes out to the men of the sheriff's department and my assistant Sgt. Glenn Braswell, who gave up their off time and time away from their families to cover the town for me. I can't ever repay you.

Last but not least, my thanks go out to my neighbors, friends and pastor, Rev. Lauren Sharpe, and to my family, who stood by me, sent cards, prayed by me, visited while I was confined to the hospital. Also to those who cooked meals and brought delicious food after I came home. I feel indebted to you all. It's people like you who make my job as Chief of Police of Kenansville easy. Many, Many Thanks.

W. Tyson Bostic

THANK YOU

We wish to express our appreciation to everyone for the love and kindness shown us during the recent sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Minnie Hazel Dunn. A special thanks to the Community Funeral Home of Warsaw. We thank you for your prayers, visits, flowers, food and each expression of sympathy shown us.

The Dunn families of Clayton, Raleigh, and Wake Forest

Deaths & Funerals

EVA J. HOOD

MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Eva Jones Hood, 84, died Monday, Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home, Burial, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: sons, Wilbur Hood of Merritt Island, Fla., Eugene Hood of Charlotte; daughter, Mrs. R.A. (Marjorie) Early of Atlanta, Ga.; brother, Zeb N. Jones of Goldsboro; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

WEDA A.B. JACKSON BEULAVILLE - Mrs. Weda Alma Brinson Jackson, 84, died Thursday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Edwards Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Arthina Jones and Mrs. Doris Ray Hayes, both of Burlington, Mrs. Eleanor

Whaley of Richlands, Mrs. Alma Whaley of Pink Hill; sons, Quinton Jackson of Richlands, Durwood Jackson of Wilmington; sisters, Mrs. Frances Brown and Mrs. Nernie Kennedy, both of Beulaville, Mrs. Vera Kennedy of Pink Hill; brother, Bobby Brinson of Pink Hill

WALDO E. KENNEDY WENDELL - Waldo E. Kennedy, 68, retired salesman, died Saturday. Funeral, Wendell Baptist Church. Burial, Greenmont Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Ann Elizabeth Kennedy; daughter, Ivey Sue Perry, Knightdale; sons, Dr. Willard L.

Kennedy of Raleigh, Harold Kennedy of Clayton, and David Kennedy of the home; sisters, Grace Blackburn and Ruth Medlin, both of Warsaw, Sadie Southerland of Winston-Salem; brothers, Harvey Kennedy of Colonial Heights, Va., Dan Kennedy of Suffolk, Va., and Arthur Kennedy of Warsaw;

MINNIE HAZEL DUNN CLAYTON - Minnie Hazel Dunn, 63, died Nov. 8. Funeral, Community Funeral Home chapel, Warsaw. Burial, Pinecrest Cemetery.

AYDEN JAMES WALLACE - Ayden James, 75, died Wednesday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home. Burial, Wilmington

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BY JOHN LEHTI

WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE?

MANY PEOPLE VIEW A MESSAGE FROM AFAR WITH "DREAD CONCERN"! THE WORDS COMING OVER THE PHONE: "THIS IS WESTERN UNION CALLING," HAVE CAUSED SOME FOLKS TO HAVE SEVERE PALPITATIONS! THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES WERE NOT IMMUNE TO THE SAME SYNDROME. A PERUSAL OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS BRINGS TO FOCUS JUST HOW THEY FELT ABOUT MESSENGERS....

"A WICKED MESSENGER FALLETH INTO MISCHIEF: BUT A FAITHFUL AMBASSADOR IS HEALTH." (PROV. 13:17)

"THE WRATH OF A KING IS AS MESSENGERS OF DEATH: BUT A WISE MAN WILL PACIFY IT." (PROV. 16:14)

"AN EVIL MAN SEEKETH ONLY REBELLION: THEREFORE A CRUEL MESSENGER SHALL BE SENT AGAINST HIM." (PROV. 17:11)

...NOBODY KNOWS IF ANY OF THESE MESSENGERS EVER GOT A TIP OR NOT!!

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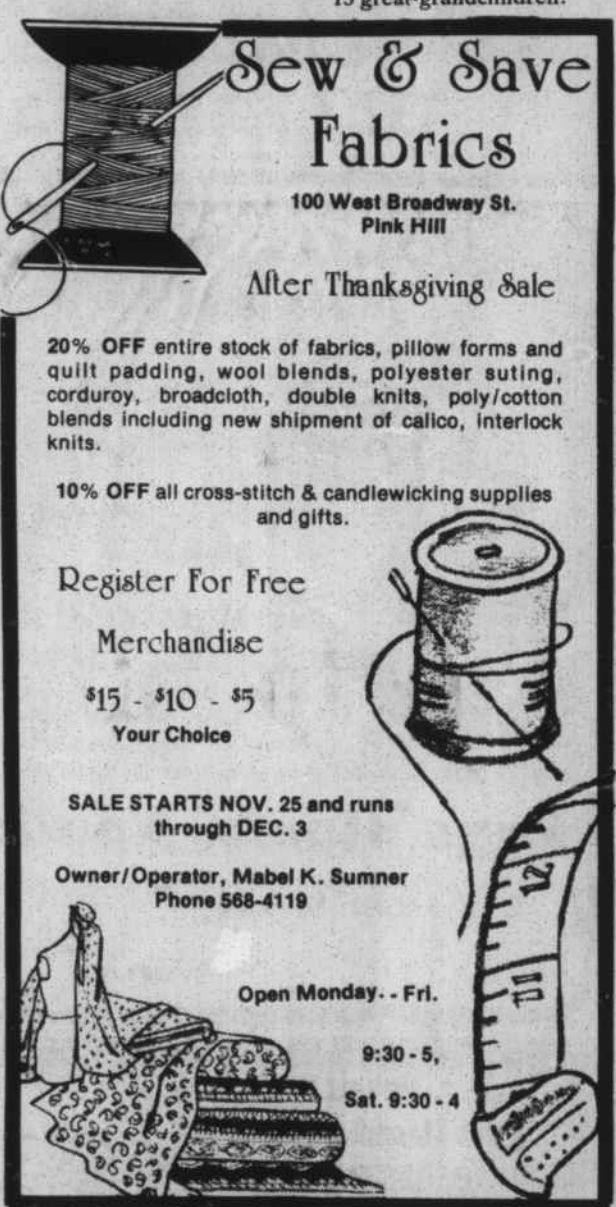
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