

Duplin Suffers Big Loss Fire Destroys Gym.

KENANSVILLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM BURNS

About 12:00 Wednesday night the Kenansville gymnasium was discovered burning by some of the local ladies who were returning home from an oyster roast. They immediately notified Supt. O. P. Johnson, and J. M. Brock, who were among the first to reach the scene, however, it was already too late to save anything as the roof had collapsed and the walls were on the verge of falling in. The Fire Department from Warsaw was called to protect the nearby buildings.

The gym was covered by insurance, but several dozen chairs were stored in the gym temporarily waiting to be distributed to different schools in the county, and these were not covered by insurance. Our once, was gymnasium is a great loss to the school and to community life. Let's hope that it will not be too many years before it can be rebuilt. The origin of the fire was not learned.

COUNTY BRIEFS

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK
Country Butter Requires 10 ration points rather than 6 as stated last week.
Elery Guthrie, Clerk

Only one marriage license has been issued up to Thursday night, Earl Kornegay, Duplin County to Sudie Potter, Duplin County.

MISFORTUNE
G. R. Dail, local grocer, met with a most unfortunate mishap last Sunday night. He had been in Raleigh visiting his daughters and was trying to board a crowded bus for his return to Kenansville. When someone suggested that it would be a good place for pick-pocketing, Bob felt his hip pocket, and by gosh, he discovered that it had been a good place for just that one thing. We sympathize with him, and hope that he didn't lose too much money.

SAM POPE'S GRIN
Have you seen Sam Pope walking around with that big grin? Well, if you haven't you should surely see him, and he has reason to be happy for his family is home once again. His son Ira, who has been in the Navy for two years, recently came in for his first visit in about ten months. Then, his son Johnny who has not been home in about six months came in. This is the first time in two years that Ira and Johnny have been home at the same time. Mr. Pope tells us that his daughter who is training at Rex Hospital will be home for the week end and then they will have a real family reunion. Mr. Pope has another daughter who is at home.
Ira and Johnny can entertain you by the hours with tales of their varied experiences.

Role Of Farms In Our State Praised In Greyhound Ad
The current series of Greyhound bus advertisements, which has been appearing in this newspaper, has been featuring the part played in our community life by various occupational groups and organizations.
The important roles played by our State's highways, schools, and newspapers have already been interestingly presented. This time the farms of our State have their turn. City dwellers and farmers alike will undoubtedly discover in the facts presented many things they didn't know before about the agricultural achievements of our State.
Particularly now, when farm produce is so essential to our war effort, Greyhound officials feel that all of us should have a clearer realization of the job our farmers are doing and the bus lines are taking this means of encouraging more people to think more about the farms of our State.

OTHER FOLKS SAY
With all due sympathy for Italian sufferers under their self-chosen German friends, we should get their minds straight on this: The Italians who sincerely cheer our troops today when they enter a new city also cheered Mussolini. — Editorial in the Eighth Army News.

Our Seed Help To Feed War-Torn Europe

Harvests grown from seed contributed by the American public and being reaped today are doing much to defeat that home-front enemy, hunger, according to reports from overseas received today by Dallas Herring, county chairman, from the National War Fund. The Duplin Unit is allocating part of its proceeds to the National War Fund, part of which will be allocated for seeds for the next spring plantings in some devastated countries.

Nearly three million tons of food was grown by the Russians this year from seed we gave last spring, Mr. Herring stated. As a result, 15,000,000 families are eating beets, tomatoes, onions etc., that they would not have been eating, were it not for our help. During 1943, America sent to Great Britain 100,000 pounds of seed, from which they produced about 45,000 tons of food. The seeds for Britain were put in packages containing peas, beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onions, parsnips, radish and turnips.

The Chinese Government, in cooperation with United China Relief, is financing the purchase of water buffalo for about 10,000 farmers. The water buffalo is the Chinese Farmer's best friend. It costs about \$30 in American money, requires about an hour's grazing in the morning, and can do the work of 40 men.

Russia, Britain and China are still not too well off, but this fall, the National War Fund through the cooperation of the Duplin unit, will make it possible for more seed to get to war-stricken Allied countries so that 1944 spring plantings will yield a more plentiful harvest.

USED KITCHEN FATS NEEDED NOW

James B. Volger, WPB executive salvage secretary for North Carolina, said today that many housewives in this state have been neglecting to salvage used kitchen fats and turn them in immediately to the neighborhood butcher shops so that they can be channeled to war plants. Preliminary figures for August indicate that collections of kitchen fats in this state during August were only about 40 per cent of the quota set by Washington for North Carolina.

"Many people do not yet realize the great military need for this used scrap," Mr. Volger said. "It is essential in the manufacture of glycerine, and glycerine is used to produce explosives, and for many medicinal purposes." Mr. Volger explained that glycerine is present in tincture of opium and geriatric, used as sedatives to ease pain of wounds, in sulphadiazine ointments, in smallpox vaccine, and in some insulin prescribed for shock, "supplies of which must be greatly increased as our armed forces advance farther into battle areas." It is urged that the present campaign now on for scrap shall bring out all fats in the stores of North Carolina that have been accumulated.

Father Of Local Attorney Dies

Wallace — Funeral services for B. C. Boney, 74, who died at his home here Tuesday morning at 3:00 a.m., was held at the home Wednesday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. M. J. Murray, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. Murphy Williams of Greensboro, and the Rev. W. P. M. Currie of Wallace. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Howard James Boney; one son, Norwood Boney of Kenansville; one daughter, Mrs. C. M. Miller of Wallace; two brothers, Leslie Boney of Wilmington and A. C. Boney of Richmond; and one sister, Mrs. R. Murphy Williams of

Magnolia Soldier Completes Course

Cpl. Alton Batts, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Batts, of Magnolia, was among soldiers in the European Theater of Operations who recently completed a course in motor transport and maintenance at the American School Center somewhere in England. The course covers general automotive mechanics with a special short course given to tactical troops. Emphasis is placed upon the necessity of daily check-ups of vehicles to insure proper maintenance of all transport.

Enters U.S. Naval School

William Madison Lewis, son of Mr. M. C. Lewis, of Faison, N. C. apprentice seaman, has entered the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

After taking one month of indoctrination he will be appointed a midshipman and upon successful completion of his approximately three month course he will be commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The school is under the command of Captain H. P. Burnett, U. S. N.

Fall Clean-up

The Warsaw Rotary Club held their regular meeting Thursday October 7th in the Rotary Hall. With all present except one member.

As it was the first Thursday in the month, a round table discussion was held in place of a formal program, in which all members participated. And plans were made along the path of community service.

The present community service project is the Fall Clean-up Campaign in which citizens are cleaning up their lawns and property prior to the October 20th award.

Rotary Vocational Service
Arrangements have been made by Superintendent J. P. Harmon to extend vocational guidance to all the seniors of the Warsaw High School. Each Rotarian will give a short talk to the senior class on his vocational. This course will be given one day a week, the time and exact schedule to be announced later.

ISSUANCE OF WAR BOOK, NUMBER 4.

The War Price and Rationing Board of Duplin County wishes to announce that the issuance of War Book No. 4 will be held at all of the High Schools in the county, both white and colored on the following dates: Oct. 25, 26, 27 and 28 each afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock and closing at 5 o'clock. There will be a chance for the war workers who are not able to come in the day to register on Wednesday night, Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. This is just for the convenience of the war workers.

South Sea Natives Hunt Dreaded Sharks

By Sgt. Ben Wahrman
SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, (Delayed)—The shark, dreaded tiger of the sea—isn't so dangerous after all, if a story told Marines here is true.

The teller of the tale has traveled through the Pacific islands for many years, and he claims to have witnessed the incident he describes.

He was, according to the story, the guest of an island planter who invited him to witness a shark hunt. Greatly interested, he watched the planter's natives bait the water with the blood of a cow, and was amazed when hundreds of sharks responded, dotting the water and feeding off the bits of meat.

But his amazement turned to astonishment when he saw the natives go out among the sharks in flimsy canoes, pushing the large fish about with their paddles and hands, until they found the type they wanted—oil-bearing sharks. These they slew with an axe.

The sharks, according to the teller of the tale, were interested only in the cow meat and paid no attention to the natives among them.

The Marines here, however, still prefer to battle Japs.

KENNETH E. LEE
Kenneth E. Lee, 36, brother of Mrs. Lucy F. Weeks of Kenansville died Monday at the home of his parents, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

LOST — Black change purse containing white gold bracelet. Finder please return to Jessie Murphy, Registrar of Deeds Office, and receive reward.



BILL STEELE WILSON CHARLES SOUTHERLAND

Bill Steele Wilson, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, and grandson of M. S. G. C. Steele, of Warsaw, N. C., and Charles Southernland, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Southernland, Teachey, N. C. These boys were inducted into the army on Sept. 10th 1941, for their training at Fort Bragg, N. C., receiving basic training at Camp Waters, Texas. On the night of December 6, 1941 the

whole company had a party, celebrating a 16-day leave, but of course the next morning told a different story, as it was December 7th. These boys were of the lucky few who had a few days home before being shipped to the Hawaiian Islands where they have been stationed ever since.

Charles was married to Miss Louise Worrell of Willard, N. C., before entering the service, but, so far, Bill is still an old bachelor unless he has married a grass skirt.

Our honorable judge, seems willing to run the chance of being a hen-pecked husband, but those that know his recent bride say, "the lucky cuss".

LETTER IN VERSE

This was clipped from another paper; it's too good to keep to ourselves, so we had to pass it along.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I am writing this short letter, And every word is true, Don't look away, draft dodgers, For this is addressed to you.

You feel at ease, no danger, Back in the old home town: You cooked up some good story, So the draft board turned you down.

You never think of real men Who are leaving day by day, You just think of girl friends You'll get while we're away.

You sit home and read the papers, Then jump up and yell, 'We'll win; Where do you get that 'we stuff' This war will be won by men!

Just what do you think, draft dodgers, That this free nation would do, If all of us were dodgers And afraid to fight like you?

That's all I'm saying slackers Let's hope your face is red, Our land's no place for your kind, I mean just what I said.

That's all I have, draft dodgers, Remember what I say! Stay away from my girl, Bum — I'm coming home some day. Cpl. E. R. B. Edwards

TO OUR READERS

As I have said in my editorial, that our One and Only Editor and Chief, is on vacation; which leaves this week's issue for me to get out.

Some of my phrases may be ungrammatical, and my set-up unethical, if so, it is due to ignorance and not carelessness. I lay no claims to being either an editor, composer or phraseologist; I try to operate the line casting machine and with very little experience at that, but really folks, I'm proud of this issue, my first brain-child in the publishing world. E. J. Naezelrod.

Selective Service Plans Induction Of Delinquents

Washington — Draft-age men who haven't kept up with their Selective Service obligations — including the fellow who forgot to notify his local board of a change of address—are to be classed in 1-A after Nov. 1 and ordered to report for induction.

Selective Service, said, delinquents who do not respond to orders will be reported for prosecution, which could lead to a sentence of 5 years, \$10,000 fine or both.

Most men become delinquent by failing to register, return a completed questionnaire within ten days, keeping the local board advised as to change of address and failure to report a change of status which would affect classification, report for physical examination, or report for induction.

By September 1 about 95,000 delinquency cases were pending. Selective Service said manpower demands and fairness to men in the armed forces make it impossible to put up with carelessness any longer.

When classifying delinquents into 1-A, local boards are to disregard their order numbers or occupational or dependency status. However, the man so classified may request a personal appearance before his local board for reopening of the case or he may appeal.

But if he is found to have become a delinquent knowingly, he loses appeal rights and his claims to deferment on occupational or other grounds will be ignored.

Between now and November 1 deadline, it is suggested, any man who knows or thinks he might be delinquent, should consult his local board, by letter if not in person. If he does not know the address of his local board, he should go to a board where he is living.

Delinquents between 38 and 45 will be classified in 1-A, but will not be called for induction unless the services want them.

NOW!

Today is the deadline for mailing Christmas presents to our boys overseas.

A package must not exceed 5 pounds in weight and the combined length and girth must not exceed 36 inches. Parcels should be packed carefully in boxes or wrapped in strong paper.

Gifts for those in the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard must be mailed by Nov. 1.

Suffering Humanity Needs Your Help Near \$8,000 Worth



GEORGE H. DUNLAP

newly-appointed consultant and research supervisor for the N. C. State College Textile School, has the double task of aiding North Carolina textile plants with their technical problems and keeping the Textile School abreast of latest developments in the industry. He was associate director of the Cotton Textile Institute before joining the faculty. Dunlap, a native of Rock Hill, S. C., was educated at Clemson, University of North Carolina and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Coal Dealers To Meet

Wilmington — Coal dealers in the Wilmington area have been called to meet at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in the assembly hall of the Tidewater Power Company, Second and Princess Sts., for the purpose of discussing the coordinated program for the solid fuel industry which has been formulated by the War Manpower Commission, the Solid Fuel Administrator for War, the Office of Price Administration and the Office of Civilian Requirements of the War Production Board as a means of helping the industry help itself to solve the problems which are facing it this winter.

The Wilmington area, which is one of three in the Wilmington district, is composed of New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Columbus and Duplin counties in North Carolina, and Horry, Dillon and Marion counties in South Carolina.

The program is designed to aid the industry in (1) securing an even flow of coal to the yards of dealers; (2) maintaining truck facilities; (3) recruiting and holding needed manpower; and (4) eliminating waste mileage caused by inefficient trade practices through approval of joint action plans which insure participating members against prosecution under the anti-trust laws.

In Memory of our Little Boy

He was a tiny little babe When God called him away, To join the baby angels For ever there to stay.

His passing left us sad at heart He was our only boy, I know our loss at losing him Must have been Heaven's joy.

And now I pray to God each day That when He calls me there, To join the Angel Mothers, I'll find my baby fair.

Nellie H. Daniels, Beulaville, N. C.

Wife Slayer Gets 20 - 30 Years

Carl Wilson of Morrisville was sentenced from 20 to 30 years for the slaying of his wife, Mildred Wilson at the Wilson home in Morrisville on the night of July 22. After shooting his wife, Wilson tried to commit suicide by shooting himself through the jaw.

In sentencing Wilson, Judge W. C. Harris said, "I'm impressed by the fact that there has been no motive for this murder brought to light. We will never know what happened, we can only guess."

Calling on all loyal and patriotic citizens of the county to rally to the cause of war relief, Dallas Herring, county chairman of the United War Fund, told an audience in Kenansville Wednesday night that "the need for your dollars is measured in human suffering, gallons of blood and the very bread which is necessary to sustain life for countless war-stricken people in Europe and Asia. It is easy for us to adopt an indifferent attitude toward the news stories of oppression in the countries where war has not been a part time job. Those people are now upon our mercy. It is up to us to face the responsibility."

Explaining that the United War Fund embraces relief to our own armed forces, Mr. Herring, speaking to an assembly of War Fund canvassers, stated that a large share of the fund would go to relief for the United Nations family and for refugees from other war-torn areas. "This fund" he continued, "is to be divided on an equitable basis between seventeen recognized agencies which are members of the United War Fund, Inc. This plan combines the requests of all these agencies into one, thus reducing the administrative costs to a minimum and also affording a minimum of effort to those who co-operate in the drive."

Another feature of the drive, it was stated, is the fact that the United Service Organizations and other morale-building agencies for the members of our own services have included their budgets in the current campaign. While unspecified gifts will be divided according to a formula already adopted between the several causes, an individual donor may, if they desire, specify which of the seventeen causes is to receive all or any portion of his gift to war relief. In Duplin County, it was explained, five hundred dollars of the county's eight-thousand-dollar quota will go to the Boy Scout Council for use in this area.

When asked whether he thought Duplin County would meet its quota for the United War Fund, Mr. Herring said, "The people of this county are just as patriotic as those of any section in the United States. The quota is large, but it is not out of proportion. Reach it? Yes, we'll reach it and go beyond it. Duplin County hasn't failed yet on any of its obligations in this or any other war."

It was estimated that more than a million and a half Americans will step to their posts this week to campaign for the first united appeal to be made in the country for war relief. The workers will campaign for \$125,000,000 extending the sympathy and practical helpfulness of Americans around the world to fighters, merchant seamen, prisoners of war and the victims of aggression in 14 Allied countries through the U. S. O., United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian, British, French, Greek, Norwegian, Polish, Dutch, Russian, Chinese, Czechoslovakian, Luxembourg and Yugoslavian Relief Agencies and other agencies of similar standing.

The campaign is to begin officially on Monday, October 25th, when the canvassers in the ten school districts of the county begin their local drives. Miss Ruth Murray, of Rose Hill, has been selected as chairman of the canvass committee. F. W. McGowan, of Kenansville, is secretary and M. F. Allen, Jr., is treasurer of the county organization. A. J. Cavanaugh, of Wallace, is Vice-Chairman. Selected as local canvassers are the following: Dr. G. V. Gooding, Kenansville; G. D. Bennett and Mrs. H. L. Stevens, Jr., of Warsaw; H. A. Parker, Bowden; Roy Cates, Faison; Rev. G. H. Ulrich, Seven Springs; J. H. Dotson and R. D. Harper, B. F. Grady; Mrs. Gardener Edwards and Ransom Mercer, Beulaville; Mrs. W. B. Ward, Chingapin; A. C. Hall and Roy Carter, Wallace; Hubert Boney, Teachey; Mrs. E. P. Blanchard, Rose Hill; John R. Croon and Homer Taylor, Magnolia; and Mamie Turner, Colored Schools.

RATION DEADLINES.

Foods: UVW, Oct. 20; XYZ, Nov. 20. Meats: Brown C D, Oct. 30. Shoes: Stamp 18, no date. Sugar: Stamp 14, 5 lbs. Oct. 31. Gasoline: 6-A coupons, Nov. 5.