



Right from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

## Heaviest Snowfall In Years Blankets County; 10 Degrees

Thermometer Reading; Snow Preceded By Heavy Sleet; Many Schools Closed

Thursday Morning, December, 16 Duplinites awoke this morning under the heaviest blanket of snow seen here in many years, probably since the record fall in March 1927. Predictions range from 3 inches to 6 inches, apparently nearer the six inch mark. The winter storm began Tuesday morning when heavy skies looked like snow, with slowly falling temperature. Tuesday afternoon some mixed rain and snow fell.

Shortly before day Wednesday morning heavy winds and rain struck from the Northeast and about daybreak the rain changed to sleet. Sleet continued to fall without let up until a little after the noon hour when snow set in. From then on into the night it looked the immortal poem, "Snowbound" penned years ago by John Greenleaf Whittier. It was a sight seldom seen in these parts and old as well as young got a great kick out of it.

The temperature at daybreak was around freezing and took a steady tumble until at night it was below the twenties. Early Thursday morning thermometers in Kenansville read ten degrees and reports from Warsaw and other towns said the reading was about the same.

Weather reports said that subsiding weather would continue through Thursday but that a let up was in promise for Friday and Saturday.

Reports from over the state of the storm was confined in eastern half. No snow was reported at Greensboro or Asheville. One motorist said there was a slight fall in Concord Tuesday night. Wilson reported a heavy fall and severe cold. The superintendent of schools ordered all schools in the county closed until Dec. 27th due to road conditions. Kinston reported the heaviest fall since 1927 and a report late Wednesday afternoon said four inches had fallen there.

All of the schools in Duplin except Chinquapiin, were closed Thursday but expected to open Friday. It was reported very little snow fell in Chinquapiin area.

Most motorists were caught mudding and consequently many cars were frozen. The blizzard struck most severely in Kenansville just about dusk Wednesday and cars froze up before the owner could let out the water. Thursday morning many cars froze in minutes after water had been put in. No anti-freeze was available here. A number of cars were reported turned over in ditches yesterday morning.

## Influenza and Colds Spread Over Nation Reported in Duplin

Influenza and colds, spreading throughout the nation, reaching epidemic proportions in some cities, curtailing plant operations and forcing schools to close.

Dr. James G. Cumming, head of the government bureau of preventable disease, anticipated an increase in the infection within the next few days.

Dr. Woodburn, County Health Officer, stated Tuesday that reports from some communities in the county indicates that the outbreak is striking here, though only mild at present. He advised that everyone take especial precautions now because of the sudden striking of winter weather and the continued dampness that will follow the snow storm for several days.

## Warsaw Negro Murdered By Wife

William Williams, Negro, was found in the chest by his wife, Middleton Williams, at home in Warsaw Thursday night about 12:00 o'clock.

It is reported that Williams returned home alone and upon entering the living room was severely stabbed with a Marine Command knife, which he had purchased some few weeks ago.

The wife admitted administering the death blow which caused instant death, and is confined in the County Jail in Kenansville.



ROBERT R. SOUTHERLAND



GRAHAM E. SOUTHERLAND

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Southerland of Beulaville are with the armed forces overseas. Robert Ray Southerland, 21, enlisted in the Navy on Feb. 11, 1941, trained at Norfolk and is now in the Southwest Pacific. He holds the rating of coxswain.

## Graham Barden Says Duplin Farmers Now Have A Golden Opportunity

Marine Base Is Permanent Market For Vegetables, Meats, Milk, Poultry, etc.

Suggests Cooperative Association Among Farmers; Move Now

Would Prove Financial Boom To Every Farmer in County; Camp Davis Also Good Outlet

By J. B. Grady

In a recent interview with Congressman Graham A. Barden he told me that the farmers in Duplin County now have the greatest opportunity in the history of the county to develop a market that will be permanent and a sure fire profit maker, in hard times as well as war times. He has made a study of the situation and says he can offer facts and figures to bear out his statement.

The New River Marine base at Jacksonville is one thing that is a permanent fixture after the war. It was built with that intention and combined with Cherry Point is the largest Marine Base in the world. At present 60,000 men, more than are at Ft. Bragg, are stationed there. Also there is a possibility that Camp Davis will be a permanent camp.

At present Duplin farmers are selling their produce, chickens, eggs and stock on public markets. It is shipped North to processing plants and reshipped in bulk and in tin cans to New River and Camp Davis. Involved after the farmer receives his money, are carrying charges to processing plants, profit for the processor, carrying charges to New River, and the taxpayers, money, Duplin taxpayers, purchase the finished product at higher prices. Congressman Barden suggests

## E. T. BRITT

Funeral services for Edward Turner Britt, 81, of Warsaw, were held from the home Tuesday at 3:30, with Rev. G. Van Stephens officiating. The Baptist Choir sang "No Night There" and Mrs. G. Van Stephens and Miss Eva Carter sang "Ivory Palaces". Interment was in Pine Crest Cemetery.

Mr. Britt a native of Johnson County, the son of the late E. D. and Frances Britt, was born Sept. 10, 1862. His father died a hero's death in the War Between The States. As an infant, Mr. Britt was adopted by his uncle and aunt, the late James and Elizabeth Shipp. He married Miss Hattie A. McPhail who died May 25, 1934, shortly after celebrating their 52 wedding anniversary. He lived in Turkey for years, where he was a prominent farmer, landowner and Postmaster. He moved to Warsaw 31 years ago.

Mr. Britt was active till 3 weeks ago when he suffered acute kidney infection and died of pneumonia Dec. 13th at 4:35 a.m. in James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Surviving are two sons, W. T. of Clinton and S. H. of Wilmington 10 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and 4 sisters, Mrs. Frances Hines, of Four Oaks, Mrs. Florence Denning and Mrs. Kate Anderson of Benson and Mrs. Minnie Jernigan of Brunswick, Ga.

Active pall bearers were O. H. Best, L. H. Brown, A. L. Humphrey, H. S. Kornegay, Bill Shine and T. A. Rogers of Warsaw.

Honorary pall bearers were: J. B. Qulan, J. J. West, F. F. Stead, M. V. Orr, F. J. Strickland, S. A. Jones, Allen Draughan, John Shinn, L. O. Williams, Mills and J. A. White.



Pvt. Robert Y. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Evans of Beulaville, is with the Army in Italy. He was inducted into the service in October, 1942, and trained at Ft. Bragg, in Pa., and N. J., before going overseas last March.

## COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 4681 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County from the 1943 crop prior to Dec. 1st, as compared with 5743 bales for the crop of 1942.

## Christmas Programs With Warsaw Churches

BAPTIST --- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School A. L. Humphrey, Supt. 11:00 Worship, Christmas Sermon by pastor, Rev. G. Van Stephens. 8:00 P.M. Special Christmas Vespers -- Christmas music by adult and Junior Choirs under direction of Mrs. C. J. Brown.

PRESBYTERIAN --- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Warren A. Smith, Supt. 11:00 Christmas Message by pastor, Rev. D. L. Jones. Thursday, Dec. 23rd. 8:00 P.M. Christmas Free and Program by young people in Ladies Parish of the Church.

METHODIST --- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Mrs. Olive Hinman, Supt. 11:00 Sermon by pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift. 7:30 P.M. Night Services by pastor.

## TIMES OUT EARLY NEXT WEEK

The Times will come out early next week in order to give the employees a few days off for X-mas. Your co-operation will be appreciated. Please get your news and ads in early. No ads accepted after Tuesday noon.

## Davis Plans Maneuvers In Duplin Now Seeking Rights From Farmers



Pfc. Troy T. Smith, son of Mrs. Noza Smith and the late Ned Smith of Beulaville, is with the army in North Ireland. He entered service Sept. 25, 1942.



Staff Sgt. Lenwood Smith, son of Mrs. Maggie Smith of Route 2, Pink Hill, is with the army in Iceland. He entered service in Nov. of '39. His wife is the former Pansy Pierce of Marlow, Okla.

## Duplin Woman Is Elected Head Camp and Hospital Service Group

Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace, is the new chairman of the Camp Davis New River Cherry Point Council of Camp and Hospital service of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Robinson was elected and installed in the new office Friday at a regular meeting of the council held at Fort Fisher, with a large number of Red Cross representatives present from many of the chapters in the coastal area.

Mr. W. M. Bolce, former chairman, was elected vice chairman; with Mrs. Eugene Harrington of Washington as treasurer; and Mrs. J. B. Sidbury of Wilmington Mrs. G. Allen Ives of New Bern and Mrs. W. C. Shreve of Greenville as members of the executive committee. Mrs. Harvey Boney of Rose Hill was chairman of the nominating committee.

## "THIS IS THE ARMY"

"THIS IS THE ARMY" the play that rocked Broadway, has now been released as a motion picture by Warner Brothers and said by critics to be the most exciting picture of all time, will be shown in Warsaw, Jan. 2, 1944 at the Duplin Theatre. Tickets now on sale.

## ARMY SETS UP HEADQUARTERS IN COURT HOUSE HERE

A campaign to secure maneuver rights from landowners in Duplin County who have not already signed the maneuver agreement, has been started by the Fourth Service Command Rents and Claims Board, Fort Jackson, S. C. This county and several adjoining counties will comprise an area of approximately 1,250,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Camp Davis.

Army officers have established headquarters in the County Court House in Kenansville and are making plans to put the drive into operation. Within the next two weeks, landowners in Duplin Co., will receive a letter from the Army explaining the program and requesting them to sign the maneuver rights permission card which will be enclosed.

This maneuver permission grants the U. S. Army the privilege to maneuver and camp temporarily on the property owner's lands with the understanding that they will be compensated for any damages which will result from the use. The permission is revokable upon written notice.

Captain David D. Page, who is in charge of the drive, stated that the Army is very desirous of securing these maneuver rights as quickly as possible. He urges all land owners to indicate their patriotism by signing and mailing the permission card without delay, thereby eliminating the necessity of personally contacting the individual property owners.

It is hoped that Duplin County landowners will respond quickly to the Army's request by signing and mailing the self addressed permission card which requires no postage.

## Food Wasted in Homes Of This County Would Supply Many Soldiers

Duplin County's 8,830 households could feed 2, 736 soldiers for a year with the food wasted annually in the homes of the county, an official of the country's leading food distributor estimated today.

This amazing figure is based on accurate government statistics which indicate that at least 5,245,020 pounds of food are wasted annually in Duplin County homes, according to Harvey A. Baum, head of A & P Tea Company's produce-buying operations.

"Food is a munition of war and everyone must fight waste of it now," Baum pointed out. "Efficient food producers, processors and distributors have worked for years to reduce waste. Our company, for example, has cut waste and spoilage on perishable fruits and vegetables by 50 percent during the past 20 years," he added. "Now the government is urging a similar war on food waste in the home."

Kitchen efficiency, Baum suggested, should include three points: (1) Buy as nearly as possible just the required amount; (2) serve moderate helpings, and (3) use all left-overs.

Baum said that although housewives have eliminated much food waste since Pearl Harbor, over eight percent of all food bought for home consumption is still wasted. While it is obvious that all waste cannot be prevented entirely, he added, carefully planned conservation should cut the loss in half and thus 1,368 soldiers could be fed with the resulting savings in the homes of this county.

Civilians eat about 1,514 pounds of food each year, he concluded, while the average soldier "puts away" 1,916 pounds annually.

## Local Man Heads Fort Bragg Lodge

Fort Bragg, N. C., Dec. 12, 1943. Gilbert M. Honeycutt of Kenansville was elected Master of Fort Bragg Lodge No. 687, A. F. & A. M. for 1944 at the election of officers held in the local lodge at its last regular meeting.

The Fort Bragg Lodge has a membership of approximately 100 men, most of whom are soldiers, something like 75 of whom are now serving overseas. During the past two years, two have been reported as prisoners of Japan and one has died while serving in Iran. Sgt. Eric W. Long, formerly of Kenansville, was Senior Deacon of the Fort Bragg Lodge when his organization was shipped to Africa for service.

Mr. Honeycutt was Master of St. John's Lodge No. 13 of Kenansville during 1942.

## —But I Want My Daddy

