



Strut from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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New Chairman



RALPH J. JONES

Warsaw fertilizer dealer, World War One veteran and one of the hardest Civilian Defense workers in Duplin County, this week was named chairman of the County Rationing Board succeeding Hugh Morrison of Wallace. Mr. Morrison recently resigned. Mr. Jones was already a member of the board. A member to succeed him has not been selected.

What "Army Emergency Relief" Does.

Adopting the slogan - "The Army Cares For Its Own," an organization established in March, 1942 is now functioning under the name of Army Emergency Relief. Major James F. Morrison, F. A., in charge of the Fourth Service Command Branch of AER, which is located at 321 Grant Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia, expresses the hope that this community will become familiar with the functions of the Army Emergency Relief and will take advantage of its assistance.

It is pointed out that this emergency relief service operates under the War Department as part of the Army Service Forces. Its main purpose is to assist the army men or women and their dependents. Much emphasis is placed upon the length of time required to administer relief in indicated cases. Here "emergency" means just that. Cases handled by the various offices of the AER cover emergency operations, accidents, births, and all other problems requiring immediate attention and assistance. Here the wife of an army man who expects a baby and who needs financial, medical or post-natal assistance, receives the courteous and understanding assistance from that military agency which believes in caring for its own. Parents of Army personnel who need advice, guidance, and assistance in matters pertaining to allotment checks or other personal matters are urged to contact Army Emergency Relief. It is apparent that a sincere effort is made by AER to maintain the morale of our army men by the assurance created through their work as it is described to us.

This community is encouraged to become thoroughly familiar with AER and to report to it all cases which need its assistance. Communications should be addressed to or contact made with the Army Emergency Relief Office at the nearest Army camp or station in each community, or to Army Emergency Relief, 321 Grant Bldg. Atlanta 3, Ga.

Wright Plane Coming Home

The airplane in which Wilbur and Orville Wright made their first successful flights in 1903 near Kitty Hawk, N. C., will be brought back to the United States and installed in the Smithsonian Institution.

This was revealed in connection with the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the famous flight. President Roosevelt announced that Orville Wright "is going to bring the Kitty Hawk plane back from England, where it has been in the British Museum."

This will end, happily, we hope the long controversy about the "first" plane and, quite appropriately, place the relic in the country of its inventors, where it should have been all the time.

When somebody offers you something free you can play safe by declining, with thanks for your own intelligence.

A one-track mind is not a handicap if you are on the right track.

Philippine Cabinet



PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON posed for this photograph after he had reported to his department heads the negotiations leading to President Roosevelt's message to the Congress asking for powers to advance the date of Philippine independence, previously set for July 4, 1946. This photograph includes Col. Carlos P. Romulo, former editor of the Philippine Herald and aide-de-camp to Gen. MacArthur in Bataan, Corregidor and Australia, who has just been appointed by President Quezon as Secretary of the newly-created Department of Information and Public Relations. Left to right: Col. Romulo; Auditor-General Jaime Hernandez; Lt. Col. Andres Soriano, secretary of finance; Vice-President Sergio Osmena; Col. Manuel Nieto, aide-de-camp to the President; President Quezon; Resident Commissioner Joaquin M. Elizalde; Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine Army and secretary of national defense, and Dr. Arturo B. Rotor, secretary to the President and the Cabinet.

A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord, You gave your son to the world, You didn't count the cost; In blood and sacrifice, You gave your son; that we might live.

Dear Lord, can I do less? I gave the world my son, that he may help to save the things for which your son so noble, died.

If when the Victory's won Dear God, and you send back my son to me, I'll press him to my heart and thank you Lord.

And if He goes to join your son, I'll understand, and through my tears rejoice to know, that my son and the son of God, go hand in hand.

Mrs. Sudie Farrior
R. F. D. 1, Kenansville.

DUPLINITES Reported District Attorney For Failure To Appear For Induction

The following is a list of names reported to the District Attorney because they failed to report for induction, Dec. 27, 1943.

Isiah McKenly, C. D. Richardson, James Dallas Teachey, Willie Chandler, Willie James Leggett, Moses Jones, and James Alford Herring.

Thanks,
Evelyn H. Pope, Clerk
Duplin County Local Board No. 2

Forward Into Battle



Col. Douglas Sugg, second from left, infantry commander, rides with his troops in an Engineers' boat up a shallow lagoon to the new beachhead on Arundel Island in the South Pacific. These small craft keep the supplies moving freely to our troops. Are you doing your share to help them by buying more War Bonds? U. S. Treasury Department

Go-getters rarely understand individuals whose principles compel them to forego opportunities. It's about time to wish your friends a Happy New Year, whether you mean it or not.

For Once the Infantry Don't Mind Mud



These doughboys are en route to a rest base after the fight to capture New Georgia Island from the Japs. Riding in Jeeps these jungle warriors of ours are skirting a sea of mud toward the landing ship (LST) from whose big maw this picture was taken. Their job done for the moment they will enjoy a well earned rest. They are pushing the Japs slowly northward in the South Pacific Islands campaign. The War Bonds you buy are backing the attack. U. S. Treasury Department

This War A Fight, Not A Parade

There will be another protest on the part of the politicians over the announcement that 2,000,000 men will be drafted before July 1st and that about half of them will be pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

Nevertheless, the nation is at war. It is not fighting imaginary foes and it can't win with talk and protests.

There is only one question before the people of this country in connection with the wars against Germany and Japan. Do we intend to win them, or quit? If we are to win, then we must accept the judgment of our leaders and wage actual war with men and material.

Sure, it would be fine if we could just run it to suit ourselves, which would include the right for every American to stay at home. It would be pleasant to wage war that way wouldn't it? with the opportunity for every civilian to make as much money as possible, without regard to effect upon the war economy?

The plain truth is that there is some who have not made up their minds to back the national war effort. They are perfectly willing for the sons of other men to fight and for others to be restricted in the matter of making money. They only object if the draft touches their relatives and price control limits their profits.

TOBACCO PLANT BEDS

Burning brush and wood on tobacco plant beds destroys large numbers of weed and grass seeds and helps to reduce soil-borne diseases.

Placing beds on virgin soil will help eliminate the danger of diseases being carried over from the preceding year.

It is better to have several small beds rather than one or two large ones, especially from a disease control standpoint.

B. F. G. 4-H Club Holds Meeting

The B. F. Grady 4-H Club held its December meeting before the holidays. A short Christmas program was given at which Eva Edna Grady read the Bible. Martha Southerland sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and Mary Ella Williams read a poem "Jesus' First Cradle". Helen Marie Patterson read "The Night Before Christmas".

At the business session Estelle Waller, president, presided. Nathan Kelly read the minutes. The senior and junior clubs met together.

Hold Your Breath

I met her in the garden
The night was still as death.
I knew she knew her onions,
I could smell them on her breath.

I left her in the garden
She breathed a fragrant sigh,
Her friends wouldn't tell her,
So why the heck should I?

War Necessity Certificates Need Not Be Renewed

Wilmington, Dec. 30. Certificates of War Necessity issued by the Office of Defense Transportation are for the duration of the war and need not be renewed for 1944, G. T. Musselman, District Manager of the ODT in Wilmington, declared yesterday.

The ODT District Manager pointed out that many queries have been received by his office from persons wanting to renew their certificates for next year's operations.

The mileage allotments authorized by the certificates for 1943 will stand for 1944 unless changed by the ODT, he declared. However where new certificates have been sent operators, such operators should return their old certificates to the Office of Defense Transportation, 604-607 Murchison Building, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Such certificates are necessary for operators of commercial vehicles to receive gasoline and tires.

Former County Commissioner Dies

Dallas Williams Served as County Commissioner When Courthouse was Built

Dallas J. Williams, 73, prominent farmer died at 8 o'clock at his home a few miles west of Rose Hill Wednesday night. He was stricken with a respiratory infection, said to be pneumonia about two weeks ago and for the last few days his heart began giving away.

Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock from the home with interment in Rockfish cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Eula Williams, one daughter Mrs. H. E. Moore of Wilmington and one grand daughter.

Mr. Williams, a lifelong resident of this county, was prominent in public and church affairs. He was a member of the Wallace Baptist church. He served as county commissioner during the years 1909, 10, 11 and 12, being chairman of the board the last two years.

During his tenure as chairman the present county courthouse was built. He fought the building bitterly and requested that his opposition be recorded in the minutes, which they were. The other two members were J. W. Grady and Robert James.

In his latter years he served as county game and fish warden for a while.

Dr. T. Graham Williams

Funeral services for Dr. T. Graham Williams, 57, who died at his home near Rose Hill early Monday after several months illness, were held from the home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. M. J. Murray and Rev. Leonard Johnson. Interment was in the Oak Plains Cemetery.

Dr. Williams, a retired physician and a veteran of the First World War. Surviving are his wife, and son Graham, Jr.

TAX LISTING FOR 1944 BEGINS SAT. JAN. 1.

All property, real and personal, subject to taxation, shall be listed for tax purposes during the month of January.

It is the duty of every person owning property, real or personal, to list it for taxation.

All male persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years shall list poll tax even though they do not own or have in their possession any taxable real or personal property to list.

All dogs over six months old shall be listed by the owner or the person having them in charge.

All livestock, motor vehicles, refrigerators, appliances, tractors, etc., shall be listed for taxation whether paid for in full or not.

The intent and purpose of our tax laws is to have all property and subjects of taxation assessed at their true and actual value in money, in such manner as such property and subjects are usually sold, but not by forced sale thereof.

It has been declared to be the policy of this State so to use its system of real estate taxation as to encourage the conservation of natural resources and the beautification of homes and roadsides.

There will be no increase in the tax valuation of real estate as a result of the owner's enterprise in: (A) Planting and care of lawns, shade trees, shrubs and flowers for non-commercial purposes. (B) Repairing buildings. (C) Terracing or other methods of soil conservation to the extent that they preserve values already existing. (D) Protection of forests against fire. (E) Planting of forest trees on vacant land for reforestation purposes (for ten years after such planting).

Look for our Township List Taker's advertised dates, and see him early in January and list.

There will be no extension of the listing period.

Be prepared to give Farm Census information. Know the number of people on your farm - males and females, and the number over 14 years of age. Most of the information asked for will be acreages planted in 1943.

Cotton Ginning Report

Census report shows that 4681 bales were ginned in Duplin from the crop of 1943 prior to Dec. 13 as compared with 5811 for the crop of 1942.

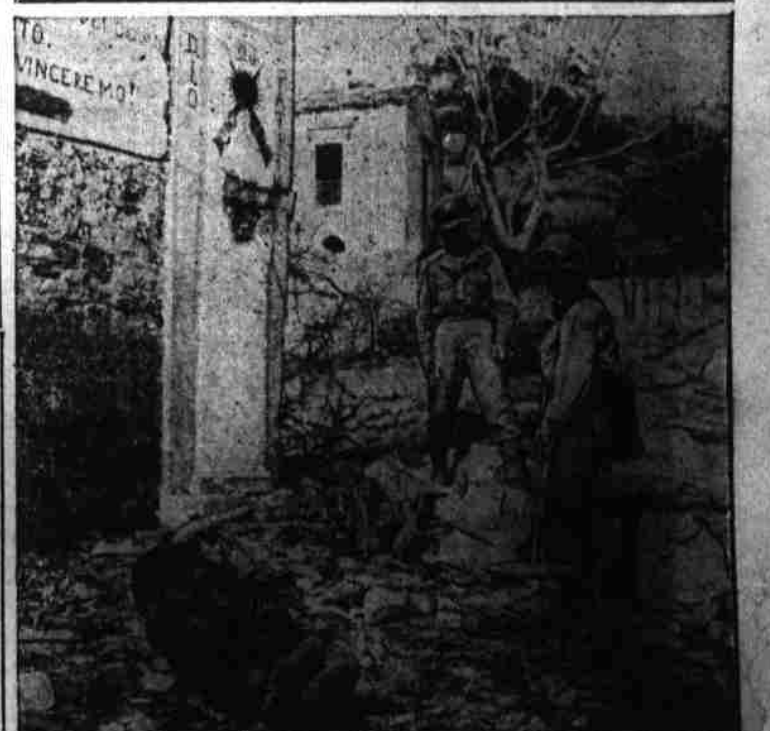
Clifton Lane Graduates From Gunnery School

(Special To The Times) Fort Myers, Fla., Sgt. Clifton E. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lane, Bowden, N. C., was graduated this week from the AAF Training Command's Flexible Gunnery School at Buckingham Field near Ft. Myers.

Now qualified as an aerial gunner, he will soon become a member of one of the Army Air Forces' bomber crews.

Sgt. Lane entered the Army 10 months ago, having been a student. He has already been graduated from the armament school at Lowry Field, Colo.

Victim of a Nazi Booby-Trap



This American soldier, killed by a booby-trap, fell before a sign extolling fascism and ending with the word "Vincere," which means "We Will Win." Note how he must have raised his arms to shield his face as the trap exploded. Soldier at right is operating a mine detector, while his buddy looks on. Are you backing our fighting men by buying War Bonds? U. S. Treasury Department