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## County Lags In Red Cross Drive; Rose Hill Ist. Over

### Warsaw Expects Second Drive Kenansville Nears Its Goal

Faison Drive Getting underway; Wallace, Chinquapin, Report Way Behind; No Report From Magnolia.

Duplin County's Red Cross War Fund quota of \$14,300 has just about reached its half way mark according to drive chairman, G. H. Ulrich. Rose Hill is the first community to reach its goal of \$1420. Kenansville is probably next high with better than three-fourths of its \$1500 quota collected and reported. Warsaw has just about reached its half way point with some workers yet to report. The drive in Faison got underway yesterday. Wallace reports \$600 yet to go and Magnolia has made no report at all. Nothing has been heard from Calypso by this newspaper and Chinquapin is reported lagging very bad. Beaulaville put on a show one night this week in the school building and raised better than \$200, putting them within sight of their quota. Outlaw's Bridge is lagging and B. F. Grady is reported close to its quota.

Chairman Ulrich stated that unless the county made a much better showing by the first of the week, a second drive will be put on.

If Duplin fails this time it will be the first time she has failed in any undertaking since we entered World War II.

### DANCE TO HELP RED CROSS

It is announced that there will be a square-dance at the Beaulaville School Gymnasium Saturday night March 18th from 8:00 till 12:00, proceeds to go entirely to the Red Cross.

A dance is scheduled for each following Saturday night thereafter.

### Draft Deferments For Men 18-25 By Local Boards Now Ousted

Plan rationing labor to war plants; just as materials being rationed; only State Draft Directors may grant Deferments.

WASHINGTON — Selective Service prohibited occupational draft deferments for men aged 18 to 25, inclusive, except when approved by state draft directors or when engaged in an occupation specifically exempted from this policy by the director of selective service.

This extends to men aged 23-25, inclusive, a policy already in effect for those 18 to 22.

The move was announced coincident with reports that a new plan is in the making to "ration" occupational deferments to war plants in much the same manner that scarce materials are now rationed to them — on the basis of the greatest need at the moment in the light of shifting trends in arms production.

Federal survey urges cancellations to avoid migratory labor.

for discipline and cooperation. Butter set-aside is expected to

### A REMARKABLE OCCURENCE AT MAGNOLIA METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor, of the Methodist Church at Magnolia, reports a strange occurrence there last Sunday night. While he was preaching, he noticed some shadows flitting across one of the front windows. This was followed by the appearance of a man's uplifted arm, which apparently had something in the hand. Immediately a man clambered into the window and stood upright on the outside, apparently making great effort to reach a small hole in a broken glass. The congregation was somewhat agitated by the surprised expression on the face of the pastor, who had experienced a "change of pace" in his delivery, using a slow ball, and so he told them he was observing the man standing in the window at the front. Their turn it was now to be astonished. Just as they looked at the window the man jumped down and was seen no more. The preacher says it was perhaps the most unusual experience of his whole ministry of several decades.

### Duplin County Man Is Named Candidate For Congress

Hervie B. Kornegay, prominent farmer and seed specialist of Calypso was named candidate for congress from the Third Congressional District, at a meeting of the District Republican convention in the Clinton Courthouse last Friday. Charlie Fletcher Honeycutt of Sampson and Julian Gaskill of Goldsboro were named delegates to the Republican national convention.

Mr. Kornegay is well known throughout the county and is recognized as one of our leading farmers. He will oppose Congressman Graham Barden in the November election.

### John Cam Pridgen Home On Furlough

Staff Sgt. John Cam Pridgen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pridgen, of near Warsaw, is home on furlough after having spent two years with the armed forces in Trinidad. He was transferred to New Orleans, La., and later to Indiana before being granted his month's leave.

### 7 Springs Soldier Among Exchanged Prisoners

Last week the War Department announced that 35 Army officers and men, who have been prisoners of war in Germany were among passengers aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm, which sailed from Lisbon Mar 6th.

The report stated that Corporal Glenn M. Stroud, son of Mr. Barney Stroud, of Route 1, Seven Springs, is among them.

### Bro. Mrs. J. L. Summerlin On Visit In Duplin Just Returned From Overseas

Woodrow Parker of Goldsboro, son of Mrs. S.F. Parker is visiting his sister, Mrs. P. L. Summerlin at Summerlin's Crossroads.

For the past year he has been in active service on a P T boat in the Mediterranean area. He was in the invasion of Tunisia, Sicily, Palermo and Naples. At the time he was granted a leave he was stationed on the Isle of Capri and says it is just as beautiful and entrancing as its reputation.

The P T he was on was patrolling the beach at Palermo and he said it was a terrible and yet inspiring sight to see our boys land and take the beach head in the face of heavy German fire.

As souvenirs, he brought back a Goon knife, Swastika flag, a U. S. flag that proudly waved through the invasion. Also he brought a strip of U. S. flag about 2 inches wide, all that was left of it after it had been blown to bits by German fire. The Swastika he had was given him by a German prisoner, who told him it was to have been used in a parade of the Germans after they had knocked the Allies out.

Parker said that eggs over there were selling for 60 cents each, and cigarettes at \$2.00 a pack.

### Registrar Vital Statistics Named For Albortson

Mrs. Egbert Grady, of Seven Springs, Rt. 1, has been appointed registrar of vital statistics for Albortson township. All doctors and midwives are requested to give or send to her all birth and death certificates. It is very necessary that this be done among both white and colored. In fact the law requires it to be done.

### Cherry To Speak Fasion Fri. Night

R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor, will address the Fasion Lions Club tonight at 7:30. Every member and some visitors are expected to be present.

### SON OF ITALIAN IMMIGRANT TO DUPLIN COUNTY VISITS RELATIVES DURING ITALIAN CAMPAIGN



SGT. RALPH DE LUCA



NED DE LUCA

### Terms 2 Members Board Welfare To Soon Expire

Terms of two of the three members of each county welfare board in North Carolina will expire March 31 and reappointments or new appointments for the two-year terms will be made April 1 or shortly thereafter, Mrs. W. T. Bost, State welfare commissioner, said this week.

Expiring terms are those of the member appointed by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and of the third member chosen jointly by the State board's appointee and the member chosen last year by the county commissioners.

Both the state board appointee and the third member are eligible for reappointment. The state board will name its member by April 1 and its appointee will collaborate with the person named by the county commissioners as soon as possible thereafter in choosing the third member.

In the selection of its member on the county board the state welfare board considers suggestions from socially-minded business and civic leaders of the community, the commissioner stated.

"The development and progress of the State's welfare program depends largely on the leadership, direction and active participation of the local boards. Through interpretation of problems and needs, local board members stimulate community understanding and support," she said.

In Duplin County, the term of Mrs. J. D. Robinson is expiring as an appointee of the state board as is also that of Roy Cates as the third member. John R. Croom was appointed last year by the county commissioners to serve as a member for two years.

Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Cates are expected to be reappointed.

### Judge Henry Stevens Is Named State Defense Chairman

Wednesday Governor Broughton named Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw, chairman of the North Carolina Council for National Defense.

He succeeds William B. Umstead of Durham, who recently resigned to become campaign manager for R. Gregg Cherry, gubernatorial candidate.

Judge Stevens served in World War I and was former national commander of the American Legion. Recently he was state chairman of the committee arranging for showings of the film, "This Is The Army."



FATHER, MOTHER, AND SISTER, OF MIKE DE LUCA

### BOWDEN MAN IN SERVICE VISITS GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVES IN COSENGA, SICILY.

Sgt. Ralph DeLuca of Bowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike DeLuca, is with the U. S. Army in Italy. After the surrender of the Italians Sgt. DeLuca visited his grand parents, shown above, whose names we do not have and his Aunt Lucille, also shown in the picture. He met them in Cosenga, Sicily where they live and from where Mike immigrated to the United States 33 years ago, finally settling in Bowden. Ralph says they were all happy to see him and were pulling for the United States to win. The Sicilians, he said welcomed the invasion of the Yankees.

His grandparents are getting quite old, the grandfather, is past 88 and grandmother is 73. Lucille, his youngest aunt, shown in picture, is now 18. Quite a few years have passed since the picture was taken.

Since coming to this country, Mike has not seen nor heard but little from his parents until Ralph visited them and wrote back home.

Ralph also visited two of his father's brothers, shown above, Ned DeLuca who is 35 and Joseph who is 33. They are civilians of Sicily.

Sammy DeLuca, shown above, is 31 years old and brother of Mike. The picture was made when he was serving in the Italian Army before it surrendered. After Italy gave up he was demobilized and sent home.

Mike has one more brother and four sisters living in Sicily whose pictures he does not have.

### ATTENTION WARSAW SCHOOL DIST RED CROSS GIVERS

Warsaw along with other communities in the county is lagging in its Red Cross drive. Mrs. Henry L. Stevens, chairman for the Warsaw school district sends a plea to every man, woman, and child, colored and white, to open their hearts and pocketbooks and see that Warsaw meets its quota of a little over \$2,000. Your attention is called to an ad on another page of this newspaper. Unless the goal is reached by the first of the week a second drive will be put on.

A meeting will be held in the Legion Hut Monday afternoon at 4:30. Everyone is urged to attend. Thursday and Sunday March 23 and 26 the Boy and Girl Scouts will take up a collection at the Duplin Theatre.

### LOCAL ATTORNEY ESCAPES HOTEL FIRE IN RICHMOND

Attorney N. B. Boney escaped entrapment in the Hotel Jefferson fire in Richmond last Sunday night, when a number of people lost their lives.

Hotel Jefferson is one of the oldest and most famous hostels of the South. Mr. Boney had checked in and gone to his room on the third floor when the alarm was given. He made his escape before fire cut his floor off from below.

### CHINQUAPIN TAKES TROPHY

Chinquapin Girls Basketball Team was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy at the Pink Hill Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Evelyn Futrell and Laura Brock of the Chinquapin girls made the all star team.

Stonewall won the championship and Moss Hill was runner-up.

Players on the Chinquapin team were: Evelyn Futrell, Sue Wood, Margaret Lanier, Frances Parker, Evelyn Blanchard, Lena Gray Andrews, Laura Brock, Pauline Raynor, Verna Brown, and Annie Mae Wilson.

Coaching for Chinquapin, Mrs. Dick Gammon.

### DUPLIN COMMUNITY IS FEATURED IN "LIFE" MAGAZINE

The March 20th issue of "Life" magazine features the Outlaw's Bridge church and community in four pages. Page 47 gives a picture of the exterior of the church. Page 49 shows an inside picture of the church during services with Major Sutton stoking the stove. Also an exterior view at night; Rev. G. H. Ulrich and family and a group of men and women working on the church grounds.

Page 50 shows the community grain-grinding mill with two men at work; a Negro class in egg production and Mr. Ulrich with service men in the USO lounge in Kinston.

Page 52 shows The Association of Universalist Women in session in the parsonage; six women sewing away at a quilting bee; Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich in his study with a group of children looking over books.

The story was written by Mr. Upchurch of Raleigh. Several weeks ago LIFE magazine sent a photographer from New York to take the pictures.

### Missionary From China Holds Series Services Local Baptist Church

Miss Mary Herring, Missionary from China, will hold a series of services at the Kenansville Baptist Church, beginning the last week in March and continuing through the first day of April.

This is a great opportunity and many should avail themselves of the opportunity. The public is cordially invited. Complete announcement will be made later.

### VANCE SMITH, JR., WOUNDED

Vance Smith, Jr., son of Vance Smith of High Point and grand son of Charlie Smith of Smith Township is in a hospital somewhere in Italy recuperating from wounds received in battle. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

### DUPLIN MISSIONARIES ARRIVES ON GRIPSHOLM



SAMMY DE LUCA



JOSEPH DE LUCA

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Carlyle Powell, of Warsaw, arrived on the ship Gripsholm in Baltimore, Md. Monday afternoon from Nigeria, West-Africa and are due in Warsaw Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Powell have been missionaries to Africa for some twenty years, working through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They were home four years ago and left three years ago this month for their field. Due to the waring conditions at this time Mrs. Powell was forced to take a different boat from that of her husband and was on the ill-fated Zam zam when it was torpedoed in neutral waters by a German sub. After being rescued by a German boat she was taken to a French port and interned until arrangements were made for transfer to Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell will spend some time in Kinston with their daughter, Miss Mary Hester Powell, and relatives in Warsaw and Burgaw.

### KILLED IN ACTION

First Lieut Dempsey Simmons youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simmons of Outlaw's Bridge was killed in action somewhere in Italy on Feb. 15th, according to a telegram received by his parents from the War Department.

Lt. Simmons was 24 years old and had been in service for about two years. He was a paratrooper. He was a graduate of the B. F. Grady high school and State College. Dempsey is the first from Albortson Township to give his life for his country.

Truman committee urges an early return to free enterprise. Wallace top choice of voters to retain post in Gallup poll.

### Warsaw Boy Gets Promotion In Southwest Pacific Area

### YOUTH OF COUNTY INVITED TO JOIN IN FOOD CONTEST

Nationwide Vegetable Production and Marketing Competition for \$6,000 in Scholarships Announced

North Carolina boys and girls, between the ages of 14 and 20 and with two years' experience in vegetable gardening, are eligible to compete in the \$6,000 wartime food production and marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association, it was announced today.

L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader, joined with Earle Parsons, Jr., 20-year-old Northampton (Mass.) president of the association, in inviting both farm and town youth to register for the 4th annual contest immediately. Additional information may be obtained from your county 4-H Club leaders or by writing Harrill at North Carolina State College, in Raleigh.

Contestants from this county will compete for a \$500 national scholarship, a Southern regional award of \$200 or for one of the ten sectional awards of \$100 from a scholarship fund provided for the association by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Parsons said. In addition two \$25 war bonds are offered to other outstanding contestants from the state.

"Our association feels that by encouraging boys and girls to study and utilize more efficient methods of producing and marketing vegetables we are helping conserve manpower in a year in which every pound of food is needed," Parsons said. "In this contest it is not how big a vegetable grower you are, but how good a grower."

North Carolina contestants ranked high in the contest last year. Rufus Benton Turner, of Polkton, was named regional champion while sectional winners included Marcelene Simmons, of Rt. 1, Mt. Airy; William Breedlove, of Rt. 2, Nashville and Howard T. Blalock, Rt. 1, Durham. War bonds winners were Wilton Ward, of Rt. 2, Clinton, and Carmel Hollingsworth, of Rt. 1, Waynesville.

Winners of the 1944 contest, who will be announced in December, will be based on grades achieved in studies of a five-unit course on production and marketing methods, a report on the contestant's vegetable project and a summary of community activities.

Major Charles Leonard Peirce of Warsaw, whose uncle and aunt are Col. and Mrs. Christopher D. Peirce, Ft. Adams, R. I., has recently been promoted to deputy group commander of a heavy bombardment group. His bombers operate under the 13th AAF in the South and Southwest Pacific against Japanese shipping, ground troops, airdromes and other enemy installations.

The young commander left the United States in June of 1943 and since then has piloted a Liberator bomber over Japanese controlled territory and shark infested waters. Major Peirce has in excess of 30 missions and with many exciting moments. The veteran pilot claims his most exciting moment was on his first raid. He was hitting a strong enemy airdrome when heavy anti-aircraft fire picked his range. A number of holes were torn in the plane and no sooner had the anti-aircraft fire ended when Zeroes pressed their attacks, resulting in more holes. To quote the major, "some show."

His biggest pleasure comes from catching a glimpse of a good bomb pattern right on the button. Major Peirce says it is similar to the feeling a golfer gets when he makes a long drive off the tee. His travels have brought him to nearly every island in the South Pacific.

The deputy commander is not married. His home town is Warsaw, N. C. In 1941 he graduated from the U. S. Military Academy and then proceeded to flying school. His training was taken at Tulsa, Okla., Victoria, and Randolph Fields in Texas, and the four-engine school in Sebring, Fla.

Who wrote "The Lady Eleanor"? He seems to have felt shame. For after those quite bright remarks He failed to sign his name.

I would reply in accents clear, There isn't any reason For him to give an ear or hear Eleanor in any season.

For I suppose he's not compelled To listen and to fret, He only sees her words in print, And reads them all, I bet.

He could just skip her every word If he has learned to dread them. But we'd have missed a clever poem

If he had not seen and read them. By Helen H. Beems, Faison, N. C.

### An Answer