

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

## Eure Leads, Croom Is Low In Vote Last Sat.

### Bill Smith Writes Home From Cassino; Says It Was Awful There

Says Set-back Not Really Set-back After All; Most of Town in Allies Hands; Troops Fought Through, Inch by Inch, Rock by Rock

Pvt. Horace E. (Bill) Smith, son of J. Mack Smith, Rt. 2, Pink Hill, writes his father some things about the Battle of Cassino. The letter:

Dear Papa: The censor says it's okay to write about the battle of Cassino. Most of what I can write the reporters have written. Those correspondents have lots of material out of that for Cassino as pretty tough.

The town itself sets on the side of a mountain and is across a valley with a river in front of it that we nicknamed "Purple Heart Valley" for the Germans had it well "graved" in. I wonder how the dough-fee ever crossed the thing. I could see it and did see it for many days, so near and yet so far. The going was tough there all the way, but it really was tough after they bombed the Abbey on Monastery Hill. The Germans were in there before the bombing but our bombing was so good they had to send reinforcements to hold it and they made it even stronger. Cassino itself, we poured lots of rounds into it and mad rubbish out of the town. But the Germans learned from the Russians at Stalingrad to make a real fortress out of places like that. They did. Our troops fought through, inch by inch, rock by rock. It was a real slug-fest, with the Germans determined to hold.

I couldn't say why I wasn't here and I know you are wondering. After all, it was our first set back since Kaserling Pass in North Africa in 1942, but it wasn't a set back as we do hold most of the town. It was just that it was pretty awful up there and I guess it wasn't really worth it right then. Anyway it's over now and the Cassino, I know, will be one for the history books. The thing I'm so proud of is the way we stuck it out there and gave them back lots more than we had to take. There's an awful lot of dead Germans that won't bother us when we start to Berlin. Things are rocking along in the one-two. We do go to our PX and see a show now and then. Irving Berlin's show "This is the Army" is here and I hope to get to see it.

Luck-love to all, Bill.

### Medical Society Holds Meeting

The scheduled meeting of the Duplin County Medical Society was held last Thursday evening at the home of Dr. John D. Robinson in Wallace. Following dinner, Dr. J. F. Robertson of Wilmington gave an interesting talk, illustrated with lantern slide projection, on the common diseases of the colon and rectum.

### SEVERE STORM HITS MUDDY CREEK

Among the hail storms that visited Duplin County last week, one of the worst was in the Muddy Creek section. Reports from there stated that the stones were as large as guinea eggs and that many windows were broken and that crops suffered much damage. In some sections the crops will have to be replanted, in others, it is hoped that they will take on a second growth. Miss Minnie Brown, of Warsaw, after hearing from her farm, which has been in the family for more than a hundred years, stated that it was the most destructive hail storm that the farm had ever had.

### Ellen Southerland Named Assistant Home Dem. Agent

Miss Ellen Southerland, daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Southerland of Kenansville, has been named assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Johnston County. The Board of Commissioners approved her application on May 4. She will take up her new duties on July 1st. She has been teaching in Clinton this year.

Advertising is one of the two commodities that newspapers sell. Don't ask for it free.

## Wells, Whitfield New Commissioners Quinn Defeats Sadler In House Race

### LARD TAKEN OFF RATIONING LIST

Raleigh, May 30. — Because the present supply is deemed adequate to meet all civilian needs, OPA has removed all rationing restrictions from lard, Raleigh OPA announced.

As a result of the action, all restrictions on the amount of lard that may be obtained by industrial or institutional users were removed, and all record keeping and reporting requirements under OPA regulations were eliminated, Director Johnson said.

### More Than 181,000 Tar Heels In Army.

Atlanta, Ga., May 30 — The contribution of North Carolina in building the Army of the United States to nearly 7,500,000 officers and enlisted men and women is 181,692, as of January 1, 1944. Headquarters Fourth Service Command revealed today.

This included 179,300 men and 2,392 women. The total strength of North Carolina in the Army on January 1, 1944 was given at 161,000 men and 1,733 women, while 31,805 men and 676 women have been separated from the services. The total number given as entering the service does not include personnel who entered prior to November 1, 1940.

### Vacation Bible School Begins Here Monday

The churches of Kenansville will conduct a Vacation Bible School here next week, June 5-10. The classes will be held at the Methodist church from 9:00 to 11:00 each morning for five days. Courses of study will be given for Beginners, Primary ages and Juniors. All children of those ages are urged to attend.

### RATION STAMP CHANGES JULY 1.

Raleigh, May 30 — B-2 and C-2 gasoline ration coupons, the old type B and C rations, without serial numbers — will be invalid for use by retail buyers on and after June 1, OPA announced.

Service Stations will have until June 10 to turn them in to their suppliers or exchange them at their boards for inventory coupons, while distributors will have until June 20 to deposit the voided stamps.

The holder of such unused coupons may take them to his local rationing board for exchange.

### Watermelon Ceilings Set at \$35 Per Ton.

Raleigh, May 30. — Maximum prices for watermelons, which will mean a sharp reduction at retail from last year's inflated watermelon prices will be established shortly at country shipper and wholesale levels by the Office of Price Administration, Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh District Director, announced.

The prices f. o. b. shipping point for all areas, will be \$33 per ton from the effective date of the regulation to July 4, and \$28 per ton for the period from July 5 to the end of the season.

### W. E. Hines, Jr., Returned To California.

Pvt. W. E. Hines Jr. of Warsaw, who had served for the past two years, and was wounded several months ago, has been returned to Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, California. His relatives and friends are anxiously waiting for his leave when he can come home for a while.

## Beulaville Soldier Wants Bring Rain From The Pacific

Pfc. Carl B. Taylor Receives Purple Heart; 26 months Overseas; One of First U. S. Soldiers to Face Enemy At Guadalcanal

WITH THE AMERICAN DIVISION AT BOUGAINVILLE — Twenty nine year old Pfc. Carl B. Taylor, of Beulaville, is trying to find some way to get the tremendous rain that falls on this island back to North Carolina to irrigate his own farm. When questioned as to whether or not he would like to own a farm on this island, Taylor answered with a most emphatic "No Thanks."

Now in his 26th month overseas and in his third year in the service, Taylor is now a gunner on one of the howitzers in the field artillery of the AMERICAN DIVISION. It was his job to help in the deliverance of fire of his field artillery battery in the recent action against the Japanese.

Taylor has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received when he helped to extinguish a burning camouflage net set on fire by the muzzle blast of his howitzer. Receiving rather serious burns, Taylor nevertheless returned to action after first aid was given and continued his work. He first met the enemy on Guadalcanal where, with the American Division, he was among the first U. S. Army soldiers to meet the enemy in an offensive in the present war.

RECAPITULATION A recapitulation of the votes reveals that Quinn carried 15 and Sadler 5 precincts, Sadler carrying Wolfescrape, Smith, Hallsville, Chinquapin and Glisson townships.

In the race for commissioner, Wells carried Wolfescrape, Glisson, Smith and Cabin precincts and Holt only carrying his own, Albertson. Whitfield carried Kenansville and Rose Hill, with Croom barely edging out in Magnolia with a 7 vote lead.

Cherry carried every precinct in the county except Wallace, Faison, Cypress Creek, Chinquapin and Charity, tying in Rose Hill 75 to 75.

Hoey for Senator carried every precinct in the county, as did Ballantine, Eure, Pou and Johnson.

### Last Call For Red Cross Materials

Last call for materials that were issued more than a year ago to Red Cross units to make garments for refugees. Some of these materials have never been returned in yard goods or garments. We are asking that these unmade garments and materials as well as partly made garments be returned to the Duplin County Red Cross Office or to Mrs. R. E. Wall at the first opportunity as a report must be made out.

### THE EDITOR SAYS

It's "another day, another dollar" with many of us. But members of your Ration Board are unpaid volunteers. They work hard — long, tedious hours, and they work without pay. And they're glad and proud they volunteered to do this job. They figure they owe it to the kid next door (he's in uniform), and to the other people of the community.

Every week they put in long hours answering questions, listening to complaints, issuing ration books, and handling endless burdensome details.

They want to make sure that everyone in the community gets a FAIR SHARE of food, fuel and other rationed commodities.

It's tough going sometimes. Now and then they find it necessary to turn down an old friend or neighbor. And that isn't easy.

They treat your problems as if they were their own. Extra shoes for a fast-growing child — tires and gas for a newcomer in town — more sugar for Mrs. Jones' canning.

Maybe you don't always agree with them. Maybe their decisions inconvenience you at times.

BUT — They try to be fair to everyone.

They are handling mighty well an important wartime job — giving of their time and talent — without any pay. It's their way of serving their country. They don't expect any thanks. But — when someone shows them a little appreciation, we know that it must make them feel good inside. That's just plain human nature.

From Albany Journal, Albany, Ga.

### Warsaw Methodist Church Services

Services at 11 o'clock and 8. At the morning hour there will be reception of members and Communion. All members are urged to be present. Preaching at Turkey at 12 noon and at Carlton at 4 p. m.

### GRADUATE NURSES FROM DUKE U.

Among the graduates in Nursing at Duke University, Durham, last week were Miss Mary Ellen Ezzell, B. S., of Rose Hill and Miss Ethel Mallard, Parrot of Wallace.

### GETS PROMOTION TO RANK OF MAJOR

Capt. Joe Wallace of Kenansville last week was promoted from the rank of Captain to that of Major. He is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., and for the past several months has been Provost Marshal of the Military Establishment there.

### LT. WELLS PROMOTED RANK OF CAPTAIN

Lt Robert C. Wells received a telegram Monday night informing him that he had been promoted from the rank of Lt. Lt. to that of Captain. He is in the Adjutant General's department, stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. Capt. Wells left yesterday for Texas after a little more than a week's stay at home.

### 2 New Members Added Warsaw Draft Board

As a result of resignations recently of C. C. Ivey and D. D. Williams, two new members of the Warsaw Draft Board were recently named. Sworn in last Thursday were S. J. Waller, replacing C. C. Ivey and L. B. Powell replacing D. D. Williams. R. E. Wall is the other member.

### REVIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE KENANSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

The Revival Meeting at the Kenansville Methodist Church will begin on Sunday, June 4. The pastor announces that the Rev. O. L. Hathaway has been secured to preach in this meeting. Mr. Hathaway is pastor of the Methodist Church in Saint Paul, N. C., and also Director of Adult Work for the Board of Education of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. He will preach on Sunday morning at 11:15 and on Sunday night at 8:30, and throughout the week at 8:30 each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### Beulaville Tops Richlands 14 - 7

Beulaville vs Richlands (Baseball) last Sunday ended in a victory for Beulaville by a score of 14 to 7. Beulaville clinched the game in the 7th inning by scoring 5 runs. Outstanding player of the game was Eugene Exum, who pitched a steady game all thru 9 innings, fanning 11 men, and getting 3 hits out of five times a bat.

There will be a return game at Richlands next Sunday.

### DUPLIN NEGRO GETS PAROLE

John Moore, Negro, sentenced here in 1943 for breaking and entering, was paroled by Governor Broughton Tuesday along with five other Negroes.

His Memory Is Enshrined In Our Hearts

Sacrifice and suffering... a final arduous resting place... Our words cannot pay adequate tribute to his deeds... Our homage seems in itself a futile thing... It must remain for us to match in unwavering purpose... the untiring devotion of his effort.