

## Wallace Man To Head Polio Drive In Duplin This Year

Dr. H. W. Colwell accepts County Drive Chairmanship; Will announce committee in a few days; 1944 worst year in history of North Carolina.

Pointing out that the 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak of the disease in its history in the United States, Dr. H. W. Colwell, of Wallace, Chairman of the 1945 polio campaign in this county, issued a statement today in which he emphasized the "need to reinforce our lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood."

The annual fund appeal is being conducted this year from January 14-31 in celebration of the President's Birthday and, as in the past, most of the funds will be used in this State.

Although North Carolina had one of its worst epidemics of infantile paralysis during the past year, the death rate from this dread disease was the lowest ever recorded, solely because the funds to provide the best possible medical aid and equipment were immediately available, Chairman Colwell pointed out.

Through November 21 of this past year, 849 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported to the State Board of Health since before the epidemic last summer. Of this 618 patients have received treatment at the Hickory Polio Emergency Hospital, the Gastonia Orthopedic Hospital and the Charlotte Memorial Hospital. 435 were treated at Hickory.

Only 13 deaths were reported at these three hospitals, making the lowest death rate ever recorded for an infantile paralysis epidemic. 83 percent of the hospitalized cases reported will return to normal or near-normal health, as a result of early and modern treatment, while only 17 percent will remain some paralysis.

Duplin County reported only 4 in 1944 and but 1 of them in 1945.

Colwell stated that he had named his committee members and workers for the drive but would do so in a few days.

## Local Man Resigns Post State College

Ellis V. Vestal, Swine Specialist at State College to retire to farming; Moved here recently.

Ellis V. Vestal, for the last five years Extension swine specialist at State College, has resigned and will return to his home here in Kenansville.

Vestal was reared in Chatham County, where he trapped rabbits and raised purebred pigs as a boy. He was graduated from State College in 1929 and served as county agent in Jackson County for four years and in Green County for six and one-half years.

He will specialize in raising purebred Duroc hogs on his farm here, where he has a nice herd headed by a boar that is the son of the 1941 champion at the Illinois State Fair. He will also grow tobacco, cotton, and general farm crops. Vestal figures that he can pay the operating expenses of the farm with the returns from his hogs and leave the tobacco and cotton crops as profits.

In his work with the Extension Service, he has discovered that hogs can be grazed for at least 10 months of the year and that they may be finished off by a relatively short feeding period with grain.

## MRS. BROWDER NEW BOOKKEEPER TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Mary Emily Browder of Wallace Monday assumed her new duties as bookkeeper to the Duplin County Board of Education. She succeeds Mrs. J. R. Grady who has held the job for the past several years.

## WY WINDS IN COUNTY MONDAY

Monday brought March winds to Duplin. The day was not so cold, in fact pleasant on the outside when not standing in the ocean. Heavy winds blew all day doing some damage in scattered places. Ralph Miller of Hallsville reports that the roof was blown away and his tobacco barns, which brought cold winter weather that has remained throughout the week.

## WINDS REPORTED IN WARSAW SCHOOLS

Many parents are becoming concerned at the reported number of...

## LOCAL BANKER JOINS MERCHANT MARINE

M. F. Allen, Jr., left Sunday for Charleston, S. C.; Whiteville man succeeds here as cashier.

Mitchell F. Allen, Jr., cashier of the Kenansville unit of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company since its establishment here, left Sunday for Charleston, S. C., where he reported for duty with the Merchant Marine. Mr. Allen leaves Kenansville with the good wishes of everyone and with the hope that he will soon return.

Since the establishment of the local unit of the Waccamaw Bank he has been its cashier and has successfully piloted the local institution into one of the strongest banks in this section. Although young in age he has proven himself a capable and, now a veteran banker.

In addition to his banking connection, he has established Kenansville's first insurance agency which has grown into a nice business. While away his insurance business will be carried on by his father, M. F. Allen, Sr., in Rose Hill and Mrs. Erma Meadows in Kenansville.

Mr. Glenn W. Bowers, for some time cashier of the Holly Ridge unit of Waccamaw Bank, has assumed duties in that capacity here. Mr. Bowers comes from Whiteville. Mr. Allen's wife and two children have moved to Rose Hill where they will reside with his parents for some time.

## RECEIVES LETTER FROM BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

The following letter was received by Mrs. Mattie Lanier Bostic, of Warsaw.

The letter: Mrs. Mattie Lanier Bostic, P. O. Box 356, Warsaw, North Carolina.

Dear Mrs. Bostic: I take pride in informing you that the following entry was made in the service record of your late son, Larry Thomas Bostic, Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class, United States Naval Reserve:

"Performed creditable service as a member of the crew of a Navy seaplane during a night attack against a fully surfaced enemy submarine on 6 June 1944. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, the entire plane crew performed their assigned tasks coolly and efficiently, pressing home the attack with courage and determination. This entry made in accordance with approved recommendation of the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals."

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel. Sincerely yours, HUNTER WOOD, JR., Captain, U. S. N., Assistant Director, Enlisted Performance Division.

After losing Larry, Mrs. Bostic still has three sons in service: Pfc. Willie E. Bostic, who is now overseas, has served 18 months in service. Leon Elwood Bostic, 31c now stationed at Nantuxett, Mass. And Cecil Allen Bostic, AAS, who enlisted on his 17th birthday and is now taking basic training at Bainbridge, Md.

## TWO FROM DUPLIN MEMBERS 81st WILDCAT DIV. GET AWARDS

Headquarters of the 81st Infantry Division has informed the Times that 5/567, Edwin T. Bell, of Warsaw and Pvt. George W. Whaley of Rt. 2, Kenansville, members of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. The badge is awarded for exemplary conduct and skill in action against the enemy.

The Wildcat Division recently invaded the Southern Islands of the Jap-held Palau group, 500 miles east of the Philippines.

## WALLACE SOLDIER IS HOME ON LEAVE

Capt. E. J. Johnson of Wallace arrived Christmas from Keesler Field to be with his family and friends in Wallace and Burgaw. Before going into service he was post master at Wallace.

Up and down hill cultivation, or straight row layouts on sloping land, is responsible for more soil loss and erosion spots in tobacco...

## Rose Hill Banker Drops Dead On Way To Lunch

M. F. Allen, Sr., suffers heart attack in front of church; carried out usual morning duties in bank; Funeral arrangements not made.

M. F. Allen, Sr., of Rose Hill, dropped dead on the sidewalk in front of the Presbyterian Church there this morning at 11:50 as he was walking from the bank to his home for lunch.

Lt. White, husband of Mr. and Mrs. Allen's only daughter, and Mrs. White came into Rose Hill on the bus and when they reached the home Mrs. Allen asked them to drive to the bank for Mr. Allen. As they drove down the street someone hailed them and said a man was lying there dead. Stopping Mrs. White discovered it to be her father. Employees at the bank said he was as usual during the morning and a little before twelve put on his hat and walked out to go home for lunch.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, pending arrival of two of his sons, Mitchell F. Allen, Jr., of Kenansville, now with the Merchant Marine stationed in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Charles, of Charleston, N. Va. In addition to the two sons he is survived by his widow, his youngest son Jimmy, one daughter, Mrs. White (Margaret) well known here, and one sister.

It is thought he will probably be buried in the family plot in Wilmington.

Mr. Allen, age, 72, went to Rose Hill in 1938 as cashier of the Waccamaw Bank there. He has been in banking business most of his life, serving at one time as cashier of the old Murchison National Bank in Wilmington.

## Pressure Canner Clinic Scheduled

Canners must be thoroughly cleaned and in condition as ready for canning before inspection can be made.

Sixty-one pressure canner clinics, to serve every county in North Carolina, will be held during February, March, and April by the Agricultural Engineering Department and the Home Demonstration Department of the State College Extension Service. In some areas two counties will cooperate to hold a clinic at a central location.

Safety valves, pressure gauges, pet cocks, and the seal between the lid and the kettle will be checked with special equipment developed by the Extension engineers. Since it is very difficult to obtain repairs by competent workers, the engineers will install defective safety valves at cost.

The pressure canner must be thoroughly cleaned and put in condition as if for operation before it can be checked. In addition to defective valves and gauges, the canners will be thoroughly checked for leaks of all kinds. Unless these canners will seal properly, the desired pressure cannot be maintained.

Last year clinics were held in many sections of the state and so great was the demand for this service that it was decided to extend it to every section of North Carolina this year.

"Every pressure canner should be thoroughly cleaned and checked this winter, with repairs where necessary, so that it will be ready to do a full job next summer," says Mrs. Mary Lee McAllister, Extension economist in food conservation and marketing. "Gardening and food conservation will be just as important this year as last and we should save our surplus so as to lessen the demand on manufactured products."

Keeping up with fashions set by friends and neighbors becomes expensive.

## WESTERN UNION SERVICES RESTORED IN KENANSVILLE

J. E. Jerritt reports that once again he is representing the Western Union in Kenansville. The Company has leased a wire direct from here to Clinton and has installed modern teletype machines in Kenansville and Warsaw. The machine, known as a walkie-talkie apparatus is a combination of a telephone, typewriter and radio. It sends and receives messages almost automatically. It has the appearance of a typewriter. The operator sits down to a keyboard and types the telegram and as he types, a similar machine in Clinton types at the same time, striking the same letter there on a paper tape that is touched by the operator here. The reverse is true when a message is coming in. When receiving a telegram, Mr. Jerritt tears off paper tape from the machine on which the message is typed out, ready to seal in an envelope and deliver.

Some also accept the Bureau of Census statistics that...

## LEADS BAPTISTS

DR. M. E. DODD



the Baptist Hour speaker for Sunday morning January 14th, is leading Southern Baptists in an all-out Southside Crusade to win one million souls to Christ in 1945. The Centennial year of Southern Baptists, as announced by S. F. Lowe, of Atlanta, Georgia, director of the Radio Committee;

The announcement of Mr. Lowe also states that in his message Dr. Dodd will challenge every believer to join a great army of the Lord in so living and wowing and winning in 1945 as for each to lead one or more to become followers of Christ.

Mr. Lowe expressed satisfaction that most Protestant groups are majoring in Evangelism as they enter the new post-war era.

## AUTO LICENSE GOOD THRU JAN.

"All 1944 motor vehicle license plates are good through January 31," F. Boddie Ward, commissioner of the state department of motor vehicles, said yesterday in a reminder to North Carolina motorists. "This extension of time was provided for by a special act of the 1943 general assembly," Ward said.

Men's work shoes went up 125 per cent in World War 1, but only 58 per cent during the present war.

Even a strong mule can be given too heavy a load.

## KENANSVILLE SOLDIER GETS PROMOTION

Rodolph Batchelor, of Rt. 1, Kenansville was promoted to the rank of T4 at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss., on December 28th 1944.

He is the son of Mr. George Batchelor, of Rt. 3, Rose Hill. He was inducted on January 14th 1941 at Ft. Bragg.

## BEULAVILLE SOLDIER WINS WINGS & BOOTS

Pvt. Joseph H. Jones, husband of Mrs. Ruth Sanderson Jones of Beulaville, has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

## BEULAVILLE POST MASTER IMPROVING

John George Kennedy, popular post master in Beulaville, is reported to be getting along nicely in a Kinston hospital after suffering a severe attack of Typhus fever.

Quick freezing makes meat tender. It is believed that the formation of ice crystals within the fibers of the meat, which result in splitting the fibers, bring about the "tenderizing."

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## Cherry Outlines State Program

Takes Oath of Office And Charts New Course

(Special to the Times) Raleigh, Jan. 4. — R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, lawyer, legislator and former soldier, today took his oath of office as Governor of North Carolina and delivered an inaugural address that embraced his recommendations to the general assembly. The legislative body, in joint session, heard the address.

Speaking for an hour, Governor Cherry presented a program of outlined growth and development for the state during the next four years when he will be North Carolina's chief executive. Emphasis was given to matters of finance, health, education, highways, agriculture, welfare, labor and the handling of veterans and their affairs at the close of the present war.

Governor Cherry is the second governor of this state to be inaugurated during wartime. Zeb Vance, the other, took his oath of office the civil war was in progress.

## SGT. RAY BOSTIC BACK IN STATES

Friends of Sgt. Ray Bostic, son of Mr. Ed Bostic of Rt. 2, Warsaw, will be interested to learn that he is now at the Redistribution Station, Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga. He arrived Dec. 16, after having been overseas for several years. He was in the African, Italian and French invasions and was reported wounded twice. Sgt. Bostic has a brother, Chief Petty Officer Norwood Bostic with the Navy, who has recently been in Jacksonville, Fla.

## RETAIL EGG PRICES PERIOD JAN. 4-10

GRADE A - Large: OPA group 1, .65; OPA group 2, .64. GRADE A - medium: group 1, .58; group 2, .58. GRADE A - small: group 1, .52; group 2, .51. GRADE B - large: group 1, .58; group 2, .57. GRADE B - medium: group 1, .52; group 2, .51. GRADE B - small: group 1, .52; group 2, .51. GRADE C - all sizes: group 1, .53; group 2, .51.

## More Waves Urgently Needed

Women 20-36 Eligible; 750 Tar Heel women joined WAVES in 1944

Women in the 20-36 age group are needed as WAVES just as urgently as ever, Chief J. W. Brown, petty officer in charge of the Wilmington Navy recruiting station said today.

Eligible to apply are women between the ages of 20 and 36 who are unmarried or married without children under 18, and who have had at least two years' high school education. Applications are being received at the Navy recruiting station, second floor, Wilmington post office, and by Chief Brown and W. H. Pittman, Jr., who visit cities and towns in the surrounding area each week.

In 1944, approximately 750 North Carolina women became WAVES, and since the WAVES were organized in July 1942, several thousand from this state have volunteered, the record of enlistment shows. Navy recruiters were described as "setting their sights" to achieve new goals in 1945.

WAVES are getting valuable training and experience while serving their country in wartime, Chief Brown said, but their most important contribution to the war effort was said to lie in their releasing trained Navy men for sea duty. Extensive activities are maintained as auxiliary services for the fleet, and in normal times the shore billets are manned by Navy men. In wartime, however, when a WAVE has been trained, she can take over a shore assignment, thus releasing a man for service aboard a ship or a plane. This example, the recruiting officer pointed out, can be multiplied many thousands times, giving an idea of the part WAVES are playing in carrying on the war.

Nor is a WAVE necessarily confined to the continental limits of the United States for her duty assignment. She is permitted to volunteer for foreign shore duty, within the limits of the western hemisphere. Unless she does volunteer, however, she is not required to serve overseas.

In the early months following organization of the WAVES, it was planned to recruit only a few thousand, since a small number was thought to be sufficient to handle the work designed for them. These few thousand, however, have mushroomed into the sizeable figure of about 75,000 today, with more needed.

## War Mobilizer'Byrnes Says 4 F's Must Work Or Fight

ABLE BODIED DEFERRED FARM LABOR BE INDUCTED

President Roosevelt, this week, ordered all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 26 who now have agricultural deferments be called up for induction into the armed forces.

About 364,000 men in that age group hold agricultural deferments. By way of contrast a White House spokesman said that only between 35,000 and 40,000 men in the same age bracket are deferred in industry and medicine. An undetermined number of other deferments cover men in the Merchant Marines.

The action came as a result of urgent requests by the Army and Navy for more men.

## CHAIRMAN CIVILIAN DEFENSE URGES MORE VICTORY GARDENS

McGowen says prospect of early end of war fading should spur everyone to greater efforts; issues letter to service corps directors.

F. W. McGowen, chairman of the Duplin County Civilian Defense Committee, issued a letter this week to all Commanders and Service Corps Directors urging them to make every effort to acquaint people with the seriousness of the situation. The letter: "Since the outbreak of the War, Victory Gardens have played an exceedingly important part in food production. With the unfavorable season in 1944, and the overoptimism as to the possibility of the war's ending in the near future, there has been a decided let-down in interest in Victory Gardens. This has been particularly true as regards urban people.

"With the very unfavorable situation which has recently developed on all European fronts and with the re-establishment of rationing on practically all canned vegetables and meats, it seems necessary that we make every effort to revive the interest in Victory Gardens for 1945. We wish to urge that you make every effort to acquaint people with the situation and encourage all who have suitable land to plant Victory Gardens in 1945. No one can definitely say how long the war may last, and we cannot afford to risk not having sufficient food to adequately take care of our needs. The Army must be supplied, and the safest thing for the civilian to do is produce his own food as far as possible. This is good insurance as well as patriotism. Therefore, we urge you to do everything possible to stimulate a revival of interest on the part of all families who can possibly get suitable land for the planting of such gardens."

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## Board County Commissioners Holds Meeting

Name Registrars Vital Statistics for year; M. W. Sutton named special deputy sheriff; routine duties.

Major W. Sutton of Albemarle Township, who has served that section of the county as constable for many years, was named a special deputy sheriff after hundreds of citizens in Smith, Glisson and Wolfcrape petitioned the commissioners.

The following registrars of vital statistics for the year 1944 were named: Warsaw, Mrs. F. J. Thomas; Faison, Mrs. Rosa M. Saunders; Wolfcrape, G. E. Alphin, Jr.; Glisson, John W. Waters; Albemarle, Mrs. Lucy Grady; Smith, Mrs. Sallie Wallace; Limestone, Mrs. Inez Sandlin; Cypress Creek, Mrs. Dorothy Brown; Island Creek, Mrs. L. S. Forlaw; Rockfish, Mrs. Emil James; Rose Hill, Miss Jessie Moore; Magnolia, Mrs. N. T. Pickett; and Kenansville, Mrs. Lawrence Southerland.

Tax Collector I. N. Henderso reported a collection of \$14,572.38 during the month of December.

## MISS HINSON REPORTS ON XMAS SEAL SALE

The Christmas Seal Sale of 1944 in Kenansville community went on Monday morning. Our goal was 1000 - but with the help of the children and teachers of Chiquapin, Beulaville and Kenansville schools, and the citizens of this village, we sold 1500. I appreciate the enthusiastic support given me by every one.

Lula M. Hinson, Chm. Christmas Seal Sale.

## BEULAVILLE SOLDIER GETS BRONZE STAR AWARD

Cpl. Roger Hill of Beulaville has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal according to an announcement by the War Department.

Suggests they be drafted and given limited service or placed in war industry.

A stir has really been created over the nation during the past several days because of the need for increased production and the still-short labor supply. Below are War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' new ideas for the home front:

That 4F's should be drafted for limited military service or war jobs if present manpower controls fail to do the needed job. That Congress should pass legislation backing up the war labor board orders.

That larger draft calls will have to come in the next few months, and reconsideration of farm deferments may be required. That work of reconverting to civilian production must be shelved "until our military men tell us they have enough."

In Washington this week, drastic manpower proposals, edging closer to the "work or fight" act which lawmakers have long avoided, were thrown into the battle on the home front.

Advanced by Byrnes, the program would force 4F men into war roles and put statutory teeth into manpower rules if present labor controls fail to spur the nation's armament output to needed levels.

The suggestions, made by Mr. Byrnes in his first report as director of the office of war mobilization and reconversion, are still merely threats. They are, moreover, at the mercy of a Congress which has shown reluctance to interfere with a man's freedom to choose his job.

Flatly predicting that larger draft calls in the next few months would aggravate the manpower shortage, Byrnes proposed stern measures for 4F's not doing essential war work. He proposed that Congress make it possible to induct them, all, then assign them "to things they can do," despite physical impairment.

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