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QUINN IN THE 1945 LEGISLATURE

(Editor's note: We have asked Representative C. E. Quinn to prepare a column for the Times each week during the 1945 session of the legislature. Mr. Quinn, although very busy, has kindly consented to do so. In his column he will deal especially with every bill that affects Duplin County. Below is the fourth of the series.

As the North General Assembly launches into the fifth week it is expected that several measures of major importance, on a State-wide basis will be received for consideration during the week. Among those expected, is a bill that will provide for a hospital and medical care Commission, calling for the establishment of a four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina, and a system of hospitals and health centers throughout the State. This is expected to incorporate recommendations for a 50-member Commission to study the needs of increased hospital needs in the State, as recommended by Governor J. M. Broughton. Also expected this week is a State-wide Referendum Bill on the liquor question, a vote provided therein to be six months after the war. It is stated that the provisions of said bill were agreed upon last week by members of the Allied Church League of North Carolina and Governor Cherry.

The school omnibus bill hit the Legislative hopper Monday night. The bill lists the various members of the Boards of Education in the 100 counties, as certified by county democratic Executive committees, and was introduced by Rep. Clarence Stone, of Rockingham, chairman of the House Education Committee.

A bill was introduced by Rep. J. V. Whitfield, and others, to provide for a War Bonus for all State employees, and would range from \$15 monthly in low brackets to \$20 in the higher brackets and would not apply to those receiving more than \$4500 per year. A joint resolution by Rep. John W. Umstead, and others, was received to authorize the Governor to appoint a 7-man Commission to study the payment of teachers salaries on a merit basis.

David E. Lillenthal, Chairman of the Board, of the Tennessee Valley Authority, addressed a joint session of the General Assembly Tuesday and made a report of the extensive program of work being carried on by this giant corporation, which is owned by the 138,000 stock holders in the United States.

The full membership of the General Assembly is invited to make an inspection tour of the State Hospital on Wednesday, in order that each member may acquaint himself with the actual conditions and needs of the institution.

The joint Finance Committee gave the Budget Revenue bill quite a jolt last week (Thursday) when it refused to restate the 3 percent gross receipts tax proposed therein to the Theaters. It has been estimated that the leaving of the tax out in the 1945 Session cost the State in loss of revenue nearly half a million dollars and that if the action of the joint Finance Committee is approved at this session that it will mean a further loss of about three quarters of a million dollars for the next biennium.

MAGNOLIA'S SECOND MAJOR FIRE IN RECENT MONTHS; MILL BURNS

The lumber mill and furniture factory of J. A. Smith in Magnolia was partially destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon when a gasoline engine in the main engine room exploded. The flames quickly swept to all parts of the mill. The Warsaw fire department responded and soon got the flames under control, but not until the engine room and saw mill were completely destroyed and serious damage done to the building and machinery of the furniture factory.

AN EXPLANATION

In an editorial last week concerning salaries of county officials the writer stated: "As to increase in pay for certain deputy sheriffs, the board had no such authority when they gave a 10 percent increase to other county employees recently and it seems a little unfair that some get increases and others do not."

This statement was misinterpreted by some readers. The 10 percent increase in payroll referred to the increase given at the beginning of the present fiscal year. The present board has not granted any increases in pay in support of the present fiscal year.



"TAR HEEL" Leathernicks Gather -- These Marines, all natives of North Carolina, gathered recently somewhere in the South Pacific. The occasion was a State Party sponsored for North Carolinians by the American Red Cross. They are -- back row, left to right: Cpl. Walter L. Sullivan, 23, of 133 Elm St., High Point; Pfc. Luther B. Glover, 21, Box 400, Hendersonville; Miss Edith Monks, Yardley-on-Hudson, N. Y., a Red Cross Worker; Cpl. R. M. Wilson, 25, Magnolia; Pfc. Joe J. Setzer, 22, Hickory; Pfc. Ernest W. Mote, 19, Lawndale. Front row, left to right: Sgt. Freeman E. Galloway, 26, Route 1, Rosman; Cpl. David Love, 23, 611 South Road, Burlington; Pfc. Delaney Young, 24, Route 1, Bakersville; Pfc. Oren B. Walter, 21, Route 1, Belmont; Pfc. David Drake, 20, Sawanna; and Platoon Sgt. Julian Dobson, 26, of Kenansville.

Judge Stevens Disposes Of 24 Cases Superior Court Held Here

REPORT OF GRAND JURY SIX MORE WEEKS OF BAD WEATHER

TO HONORABLE HENRY L. STEVENS, JR., JUDGE PRESIDING AT THE JANUARY TERM, 1945: DUPLIN SUPERIOR COURT:

We, the grand jury serving at the above term of court, make the following report: We acted on twenty-eight (28) bills and found eighteen (18) true bills and ten (10) not true bills. Four (4) bills were returned due to the fact that the grand jury was unable to locate witnesses.

We visited the stockade, the jail and other public buildings and all offices in the court house and found them all in good condition and well managed. Due to the now existing serious gasoline shortage, committees were appointed to visit and inspect all schools of the County, with the exception of two colored schools being far distant from the court house.

There seems to be varied opinions in the minds of the legislators with reference to many of the State's problems, such as pertaining to teachers salaries, salaries of other State employees, etc.

MAGNOLIA POLIO DRIVE GOES OVER TOP

The Infantile Paralysis Campaign was successful in Magnolia. The drive was administered through the schools, but it represented the efforts of the whole community. The report as submitted to the County Chairman is as follows:

Magnolia High School, grades 8-11, (8th grade leading) \$45.10; grades 1-7, \$20.68; proceeds from ball game, \$6.55; Total \$72.33. Magnolia Colored School, \$20.20; Contribution boxes, \$4.47. Donation from Recreation Committee, \$5.00. Grand Total \$102.60.

Magnolia FFA Takes Six Members The Magnolia Chapter of the Future Farmers of America initiated six agricultural students Friday night. These boys became "Green Hands." Prior to the initiation, a supper of chicken and pastry, cole slaw, baked potatoes, hot rolls and coffee was enjoyed. The boys prepared and served the supper themselves in the Community room.

Coroner Ralph Jones Turns Sleuth Wrings Confession From Murderer



DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE Dr. Louie D. Newton, Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday, February 4th, will have Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, as his guest in the broadcast at 8:30 A. M. EWT. Dr. Rushbrooke is President of the Baptist World Alliance, and his five minute message comes from London, England, via short wave.

Mrs. Wallace Dies At Home

Succumbs to heart attack Tuesday; Funeral at home Wednesday; Major Joe Wallace only surviving child; Member prominent Duplin family.

Ensign In U. S. Navy

Norwood Bruce Boney, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Boney, Kenansville, was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve when he graduated recently from the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School at Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

WARSAW BOYS HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Cpl. Bill Carroll arrived Monday from Ft. Bragg, where he had been several days enroute to his home in Warsaw to spend a furlough with his mother, Mrs. C. F. Carroll. Cpl. Carroll has been with the Army Signal Corps serving in the Aleutians and Alaska for over two years.

Kenansville Soldier Completes Training

Sgt. Early C. Newton, Jr., son of Early C. Newton of Kenansville, has just completed another course in training and has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls, S. D., Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic.

Returned To Calif. After Furlough Home

Lewis William (Bud) Turner, Jr., Pfc. 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Turner of Beaufort, who has been in the Navy for two and one-half years, has returned to San Francisco, Calif., after spending a 10 day leave with his parents.

COUNTY COURT NEXT MONDAY

Judge Phillips announced that County Court will convene Monday morning and requests all witnesses and interested parties to be here on time.

OFFICERS LOOKING FOR MURDERER OF WARSAW NEGRO MAN

Officers are still investigating the murder of Leg Watkins, 38 year old Warsaw Negro, who was shot in the neck with a shot gun in the hands of an unknown person on Saturday night, Jan. 20th. Watkins was said to have been visiting in the home of Joe Lowe at the time. The load of shot struck him in the neck and cheek, completely severing his neck bone. When viewed by officers, Coroner Ralph Jones stated the body was sitting in a perfect upright position, just as it was when the shot struck him.

Mrs. Wallace Dies At Home

Mrs. Mary McGowan Wallace, widow of the late Sheriff Bland Wallace, died from a heart attack at her home here Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. She would have been 77 years old on her next birthday.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist church. Interment was in the Wallace family cemetery on the Kenansville-Chinquapin road.

Active pallbearers were: D. S. Williamson, F. W. McGowan, H. J. Sloan, Vance Gavin, E. C. Newton, and I. C. Burch. Honorary pallbearers were: A. T. Outlaw, R. V. Wells, O. P. Johnson, I. N. Henderson, W. M. Brinson, J. O. Stokes, N. B. Boney, C. B. Sitterson, G. V. Gooding, C. S. Williamson, L. A. Beasley, G. R. Dail, G. Powell, P. J. Doozon, J. L. Williams, J. E. Jerritt and E. J. Dail.

6 Duplin Soldiers Receive Awards

Six Duplin County soldiers here were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct and gallantry in action against the enemy recently. All six boys are members of the 1st Infantry division, which invaded the Southern Islands of the Japanese held Palau group, 500 miles east of the Philippines.

WOMAN'S CLUB IS SPONSORING NEEDED PAPER HOLIDAY

Beginning on Monday, February 5 through Saturday, February 10, the Kenansville Woman's Club is sponsoring a paper Holiday. During this time, please do not ask your merchants to use paper bags or wrapping paper except for articles such as meat that requires wrapping for sanitary and protective purposes.

Capt. Wells In India Rooms With Former College Roommate

Capt. R. C. Wells of Kenansville writes that he landed in Calcutta, India and soon after arriving was assigned to room with Dorth Langston, of Goldsboro, a close friend and former class and roommate at Wake Forest College, where they both studied law. Dorth has been in India for quite a while.

RED CROSS MEETING HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Mrs. Norwood Boney, Executive Secretary of the Duplin County Red Cross, announced yesterday that there will be a meeting of the council and officers in the court-house at 8:00 p. m., next Tuesday. All other interested persons are invited to attend.

COMMISSIONED

The newly commissioned Ensign will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer.

Gets suspicious of murderer's conversation day after shooting; Traces down several clues calls murderer in and wrings open confession from him; Saurdlerer has good reputation; Sain man had been wanted to stay away from Lowe's wife; Jones says he is going to help Lowe; Out under \$1,000 bond.

As we go to press Coroner Ralph Jones relates the story of how he tracked down the murderer of Leg Watkins and wrung a confession from him this week. As a result the Grand Jury Wednesday brought in a true bill of indictment against Dudley Lowe for the murder of Leg Watkins on the night of January 20th in Lowe's home in Warsaw.

Coroner Jones told the Times this week that on the day following the murder, Dudley Lowe, in whose home Leg Watkins was killed, went to him (Mr. Jones) and began explaining that he did not commit the murder. Coroner Jones said that practically every statement Lowe made to him were statements of a guilty man trying to sidetrack suspicion.

Thinking back over the record of Watkins Mr. Jones stated that he (Watkins) had a record of one murder and a general bad reputation. He was noted for tarrying with other men's wives when possible. About a year ago Dudley Lowe went to Mr. Jones to swear out a warrant against Alonza Barber for shooting at him. Lowe had no evidence and the matter was dropped. It seemed that Barber had been pestering Lowe's wife and Lowe had run Barber from his home.

Better Conserve Coal If Want To Stay Warm

Cold weather struck with all its fury this week. Thursday morning found the thermometer down to 16 with a cold wave blowing. This morning it was low again but the air was still. The weather man predicted a let up in the cold during the day. As the cold struck this section coal began to run out. Ralph Jones, Warsaw coal dealer, said yesterday that he had several cars on the rails rolling towards Warsaw and would have arrived probably over the week-end but the Army stepped in and took them over. Mr. Jones said he had only 30 pounds at his home. This should be sufficient hint that folks in Duplin had better take care and burn no more coal than possible. Farmers should take to the woods with axes and saws and leave what little coal that does come to folks in town who do not have such a privilege.

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