Straight from the Shoulder - Right from the Heart of Duplin

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## OUINN IN THE 1945 LEGISLATURE

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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 Alled Church League of North Caro-lina and Governor Cherry. The school amnibus 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 coun-ty democratic Executive commit-tees, 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 brack-ets to \$29. In the higher brackets ind would not apply to those ne-selving more than \$4500, per year. A joint resolution by Rep. John W. Umpstead, and others, was re-ceived to authorize the Governor to appoint a 7-man Commission to study the payment of teachers

STEVENS, JR., JUDGE PRESI-DING AT THE JANUARY TERM, 1945, DUPLIN SUPERIOR

ceived to authorize the Governor to appoint a 7-man Commission to study the payment of teachers salarles on a merit basis. David E. Lillienthal, Chairman of the Board, of the Tennessee Valley Authority, addressed a joint session of the General As-sombly Tuesday and made a re-port of the extensive program of work being carried on by this glant corporation, which is owned by the 138,000 stock holders in the United States. The full membership of the State Hospital on Wednesday, in order that each member may ac-quaint himself with the actual conditions and needs of the insti-tution. joint Finance Committee The e the Budget Revenue bill te a jolt last week (Thursday) an it refused to reinstate the n it refused to reinstate the ercent gross receipts tax pro-ed therein to the Theaters. It been estimated that the leav-t of the tax out in the 1943 of the tax out in the 1943 of the tax out in the 1943 certain critical materials are not available at this time. We did the tax out in the second the taking into consideration that available at this time. We did the tax out in the second the taking into consideration that available at this time. We did the tax out in the second the taking into consideration that available at this time. We did the tax out in the second the taking into consideration that available at this time. We did has been estimated that the leav-ing of the tax out in the 1943 Session cost the State in loss of revenue nearly half a million dol-ars and that if the action of the joint Finance Committee is an joint Finance Committee is ap-proved at this session that it will mean a further loss of about three quarters of a million dollars for the next biennium. for the next biennium. There seems to be varied opin-ions in the minds of the legislators with reference to many of the State's problems, such as pertain-ing to teachers salaries, salaries of other State explorees, the CONTINUED ON BACK



"TAR HEEL" Leathernecks Gather -- These Marines, all na-tives of North Carolina, gathered recently somewhere in the South Pacific. The occasion was a State Party sponsored for North Caro-linians by the American Red Cross. They are -- back row. Jeft to right: Cpl. Walter L. Sullivan, 23,

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.



Today, the proverbial Old Mr. Ground Hog, brought pro-mise of more cold and bad weather to come if the old adage about the weather pro-phet to the seather pro-

phet is true. It is a story as old as the story of weather

hets that if the ground

log sees his shadow on Feb-

runry 2nd he will go back in-

to his hole and remain for

forty days, after which time-

he will come out and nice spring weather will be here.

## Unusual fan mail this year indicates that the audience is now the largest in the history of the Baptist Hour, which is heard over 36 stations.

DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE

Hour speaker for next Sunday, February 4th, will have Dr. J. H.

Rushbrooke of London, England,

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Baptist

#### Commissioned



Ensign In U. S. Navy posed of by Thursday noon: Matthew K. Bradshaw was giv-Ninth Navai District neadquarters

# MURDERER OF WARSAW NEGRO MAN

Wrings Confession From Murderer

**Coroner Ralph Jones Turns Sleuth** 

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Officers are still investigating the murder of Lee 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 completely se ering his neck bone. When viewed by officers, Coroner Ralph Jones stated the

## Mrs. Wallace Dies At Home

Succumbs to heart attack Tuesday; Funeral at home Wed-nesiay; Major Joe Wallace only surviving child; Member Prominent Duplin Family.

Mrs. Mary McGowen Wallace, widow of the late Sheriff Bland Wallace, died from a heart attack 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. McGowen, H. J. Sloan, Vance Gavin, E. C. Newton, and I. C. Burch. Honorary pali-bearers were: A. T. Outiaw, R. V bearers were: A. T. Outiaw, R. V. Wells, O. P. Johnson, I. N. Hen-derson, • W. M. Brinson, J. O. Stokes, N. B. Boney, C. B. Sitter-son, G. V. Gooding, C. S. William-son, L. A. Beasley, G. R. Dail, G. Powell, P. J. Dobson, J. L. Will-iams, J. E. Jerritt and E. J. Dail. Mrs. Wallace is survived by one

coal began to run out. Ralph Jones, Warsaw coal dealer, said the Army stepped in and took them over. Mr. Jones said he had 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.

OFFICERS LOOKING FOR Gets suspicious of murderer's conversation day after shooting; Traces down several clues calls murderer in and wrings open confession from him;

Murderer has good reputation; S ain man had been warned to siay away from Lowe's wife; Jones says he is going to help Lowe; Out under \$1,000 bond.

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As we go to press Coroner Ralph Jones relates the story of at the time. The load of shot how he tracked down the murder-struck him in the neck and cheek, er of Lee watkins and wrung a neck confession from him this week. As Coroner Ralph Jones stated the body was sitting in a perfect up-right position, just as it was when the shot struck him. home in Warsaw.

> Coroner Jones told the Times this week that on the day follow-ing the murder, Dudley Lowe, in whose home Watkins was killed, went to him (Mr. Jones) and be-gan 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 tkins Mr. Jones stated that he (Watkins) had a record of one at her home here Tuesday even-ing at 6:30 o'clock. She would have been 77 years old on her 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 drop-ped. It seemed that Barber had been pestering Lowe's wife and Lowe had run Earber from his home

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## 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 Mrs. Wallace is survived by one son, Major Joe Wallace, now pro-cold during the day.

As the cold struck this section yesterday that he had several cars on the rails rolling towards Warsaw and would have arrived probably over the week-end but only 30 nounds at his home. This

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

The lumber mill and furnitum etary of J. A. Smith in Magnoli as partially destroyed by fire o uesday afternoon when a gase me engine in the main engine bom exploded. The flames quici

n exploded. The flames quick-wept to all parts of the mill, he Warsaw fire department re-aded and soon got the flames er control but not until the ing room and saw mill were pietely destroyed and serious nage done to the building and minery of the furniture fac-

and work.

Magnolia FFA

**Takes Six Members** 

#### AN EXPLANATION

an editorial last week con ting salaries of county offi-the writer stated: "As to in-a in pay for certain deputy tifn, the board had no such tority when they gave a 10 but increase to other county by the unfair that some get in-main others do not." his statement was misinter-and by some readers. The 10

TO HONORABLE HENRY L.

**GASOLINE SHORTAGE** CATCHES MOST FOLKS

DRY IN DUPLIN It has been a dry time in old Duplin this week. Monday morning with the exception of two colored schools being far distant from the found most motorists and a large court house. All reports of innumber of tractor farmers with-

out gasoline and no definite promise of any to amount to anything. One distributor said it probably would be after the 10th of Februwould be after the 10th of Febru-ary before any appreciable guilty to forcible trespass. Prayer amount of gasoline arrived. An-other distributor stated Wednesgymnasiums were in bad state of repair, such as window lights and day that he had definite assur-

ance that he would receive a tanksteps to the main entrances; and er of gas that night but at this, particular attention is called to the gymnasium at Warsaw, Walwriting it has not arrived. Judge Stevens Wednesday is-

the gymnasium at Warsaw, Wal-lace and Chinquapin. Particular attention is also called to a cer-tain wall in the Wallace colored school, which appears to be dan-gerous, and in our opinion should be condemned. Further attention is called to the Rose Hill colored school, where the increasting desued a court order taking over certain conditions for two years. some 300 gallons in the Gulf Robert Savage plead guilty to plant in Wallace and had it assault on female. Given 6 months brought to Kenansville for jurors, on roads, suspended for 2 years witnesses, lawyers and court of- on good behavior and other confiefals so that court could contin- ditions. school, where the inspection dis-closed that one toilet is available

closed that one toilet is available for 176 boys. We also call parti-cular attention to the roof of the Faison High School, which was found to be in very bad condition. We obtained a report from the various school officials relative to the condition of their trucks, and in all cases said trucks were found to be in good condition and well An operator of a Clinton ser-vice station said yesterday that practically every Standard station in Clinton had gasoline. A news dispatch in a Kinston paper said the shortage at Kinston was acute. Reports from areas around Ral-eigh and west of there states there

eigh and west of there states there is no shortage at all. The Kinston paper in an editorial this week hinted that politics was being played and called for an immed-iate investigation, if it were true. Any way, the folks around here just don't have gasoline. In all cases said trucks were found to be in good condition and well maintained. We wish to compli-ment the County Board of Edu-sation, the County Superintendent of Education and the County mechanics on their administration

We recommend that monitors be appointed for each school bus op-rating in Duplin County in be-nalf of the various schools. MAGNOLIA POLIO DRIVE

We recommend to the County Joard of Commissioners that they instigate and propose a fund to be made up of contributions for the erection of a monument in com-memoration of the boys of Du-CONTINUED ON BACE

HERE NEXT TUESDAY

ntribution boxes, \$4.47.

e, \$5.00. Grand Total

n an absolute divorce from Ruth (creat Lakes Illinois Ennie Bradshaw on charges of 29 January 1945 Norwood Bruce Boney, 20, son adultery.

Willie Love was given 18 mo. on the roads for selling non taxpaid whiskey and for resisting of-

Superior Court convened here Monday morning for a one week term for trial of criminal cases.

Judge Henry L. Stevens of War-saw presided.

The following cases were dis-

Luther Johnson and Gorman Wood charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Plea of nolo the underwent a strenuous physic contendre. Found guilty of breaking and entering and larceny of chickens of the value of \$38.50. Each given two years on the roads, suspended and placed on probation for 5 years.

other conditions.

**RED CROSS MEETING** 

will now see action with the fleet as a deck officer. Ray Peterson charged with lar-WARSAW BOYS HOME

FROM OVERSEAS

Cpl. Bill Carroll arrived Mon-Tommy Robertson charged with day from Ft. Bragg, where he had ssault with deadly weapon with been several days enroute to his intent to kill. Plead guilty to ashome in Warsaw to spend a fur-lough with his mother, Mrs. C. F. sault with deadly weapon. Given 6 months on roads, suspended on Carroll. Cpl. Carroll has been with the Army Signal Corps serving in the Alutians and Alaska for over two years.

Andrew McGowan, USN, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mirs. L. P. McGowan, at-Wm. Henry Smith plead guilty ter having been overseas for 18 to making whiskey and larceny and receiving. Given 18 months on Seaman McGowan was months. with the Naval Forces in the roads, suspended for 2 years on Southern France and Normandy payment of cost, fine of \$50. and invasions. He has two brothers. Joseph Rouse, Fred Merritt, Os-wald Croom, Tom Quinn, Shelton Batts. Charged with Conspiracy and Secret assault. Found not PIC. Mosley McGowan, and PIC. L. P. McGowan, Jr, both with the army-in Germany. McDonald Brock, S|K 1|c, USN,

guilty. Kedar Faison plead guilty to gambling. Prayer for judgment continued for 2 years on good be-McDonaid nas been stationed in Bizerie, Africa since soon after Bizerie, Africa since soon after arrived last week to spend a fur-lough with his parents, Mr. and

havior and payment of cost. Roosevelt Faison plead guilty to gambling. Prayer for judgment continued for 2 years on good bethe African invasion, where he was injured and for which he re ceived the Purple Heart.

havior and payment of cost. Leslie McGee and Sherman Ma-this charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. CONTINUED ON BACK bgt. J. C. Bianchard, 26, son of week when he landed in New iceiand, and France. About Dec-ember 25th he met his brother, Cpi. Eawin Lee Blanchard, also with the Infantry, in Paris. This was their first meeting in over highly skilled bom two years. Sgt. Blanchard is now, Army Air Forces. at an Army Hospital at Daytona Beach, Fla., and expects a furlough home in the very near future.

COUNTY COURT

#### NEXT MONDAY

Judge Phillips announced that county Court will convene Mon-ay morning and requests all vitnesses and interested parting to

and one step-daughter, Mrs. Null Burt, of Dillon, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. A. H. Irvin of Richlands. She was the daughter of the late of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Boney, Ke- Mr. and Mrs. John O. McGowen, nansville, was commissioned an prominent Kenansville Township Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve family. In May 1905 she married paid whiskey and for resisting of ficer. Case appealed. James C. Robinson operating au-to without driver's license. Plead guilty. Judgment continued for 2 His complete four-month course his complete four-month course in figure 1 a served for a time as gation, seamanship, damage con- Post Master here and was a promtrol, communications, ordnance inent merchant and farmer.

> cal conditioning program and nu- 6 Duplin Soldiers merous drills designed to develop initiative and leadership. Receive Awards WOMAN'S CLUB IS The newly commissioned Ensign

> > Get Combat Infantry Badge; All Members Sist Division

Six Duplin County soldiers have tryman Badge for exemplary conduct and skill in action against the enemy recently. All six boys of the Philippines.

Rt. 2, Rose Hill; Pvt. Robert 1 Anderson, son of Mrs. Lizzie R and paper bags has certainly Anderson, Rt. 2, Warsaw; Fyt James F. Costin, husband of Mirs Pearlie Costin, Warsaw; Cpl Elbert W. Williams, son of saw; S|Sgt. DeWitt G. Lewis, son daily marketing. saw; and Cpl. Isaac B. Futreal, son of Mrs. Lizzie W. Futreal, Rt. 1, Warsaw.

#### **Kenansville** Soldier

#### **Completes Training**

Sgt. Early C. Newton, Jr., son of Early C. Newton of Kenansville. has just completed another course Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bianchard, Rt. in training and has been assigned 1, warsaw, called his parents last to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls York after serving with the in-hantry for two years in England, for training as a radio operator Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, S. D. mechanic. Upon completion of a 26-week

course, he will be fully trained to in solving this war shortage. take his place as a member of a highly skilled bomber crew of the

**Returned To Calif.** 

#### After Furlough Home

Lewis William (Bud) Turner,

SPONSORING NEEDED PAPER HOLIDAY

Beginning on Monday, February been awarded the Combat Inian- 5 through Saturday, February 10, the Kenansville Woman's Club is sponsoring a paper Holiday. Durare members of the Sist infantry ing this time, please do not ask division, which invaded the your merchants to use paper bags Southern Islands of the Japanese or wrapping paper except for arheld Palau group, 500 miles east ticles such as meat that requires wrapping for sanitary and pro-

Among the group receiving the tective purposes. Whenever posaward were: Fic. Silas G. Lzzell, sible, save paper bags and return son of Mrs. Maggie B. Ezzell, of to the merchant for further use. The civilian shortage of paper brought home to every woman shopper as the scarcity of bags and wrapping paper in the retail Mrs. stores necessitates the carrying Ophelia W. Williams, Rt. 2, War- of shopping bags and baskets for Unlike many of Mrs. Leona Lewis, Rt. 2, War- other wartime shortages, the paper problem shows no evidence of immediate solution even when the war in Europe ends since enormous quantities of food. equipment and medical supplies

will still be needed overseas for servicemen and for relief to dis ments require paper or paperboard for packaging

Today with an approximate national shortage of 3,000,000 tons of paper annually, we must crease salvage collections 2 000 -COO tons and conserve 1.000,000 tons to meet the deficit. PAPET HOLIDAY is a dramatic an' forceful means of joining all forces in our town to do our par.

Capt. Wells In India

#### **Rooms With Former**

#### **College Roommate**

Cant. R. C. Wells of Kenansville writes that he landed in Calcutt India and soon after arriving we Jr., Ptr. 2]c, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Turner of Beulaville, who has been in the Navy for two and one-half years, has returned to San Francisco, Calif., after spend-ing a 10 day leave with his par-yp 5

GOES OVER TOP The Infantile Paralysis Cam-paign was successful in Magnolia. The drive was administered through the schools, but it repre-sented the efforts of the whole community. The report as submit-ted to the County Chairman is as follows:

The Magnolla Chapter of the Future Farmers of America initia-ted six agricultural students Fri-day night. These boys became "Green Hands." Prior to the in-titation, a supper of chicken and pastry, cole slaw, baked potatoon, bot rolls and onlice was enjoyed.

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 3:00 p. m., next Tuesday. All other interested persons are in-vited to attend. Gol. J. J. Staley, field represen-tative of the Atlanta Division will be present and deliver a talk. At that time Mr. Ulrich, head of the 1945 Red Cross drive will outline plans for the drive. Mr. Ulrich unges everyone who possibly tan 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.-



