



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Remember Sunday Feb. 25th. Is Red Cross Sunday In Duplin County

Chairman Ulrich plans to close campaign for \$15,000 by March 14th; All Community Chairmen not yet named.

Chairman G. H. Ulrich of the Red Cross 1945 Drive is urging everyone to get set for an "all out" effort in the drive for \$15,000. Duplin's quota. Sunday February 25th has been designated as Red Cross Sunday and Chairman Ulrich says he wants to see every canvasser in every school district on the job that day. He is calling on all churches to lend their aid that day. He says, "I want the teams in all districts in the County, go full steam ahead with the campaign that Sunday afternoon, shooting at the goal of a completed campaign by March 10th."

Community chairmen for all communities have not been secured as yet. Wayne Jordan will lead the drive in Warsaw, he announces, and Rodolph Harper will take over part of the B. F. Grady district. All ministers in the County will receive a letter from Mr. Ulrich next week asking their co-operation.

Tornado Toll

The death toll remained at 43 Tuesday evening in the wake of the storm which struck Mississippi and Alabama late Monday. Officials estimated the property damage at more than a million dollars, which destroyed at least 300 homes in Montgomery and leveled sections of rural communities near Meriden, Miss., and at Livingston and York in Sumter County, Ala.

Hospitals and clinics in the affected areas have released many of the storm victims after emergency treatment. Red Cross staff said approximately 500 persons were released, and blood plasma rushed to Atlanta was credited with saving lives.

With Beulaville Boys Serving Uncle Sam

Sgt. Larry Bostic, gunner with the U. S. Air Corps, has written home about a recent exciting experience. His plane was badly damaged 50 miles behind enemy lines but was able to drift and land in Belgium, allied territory, where the crew remained from Saturday until Thursday, being well cared for by the natives.

His brother, Fitzgerald, of the Navy, is at Guadalcanal while the other brother, Richard, of the Army, is still in Italy where he has been serving about 26 months.

Pvt. Lloyd Milton Whaley, who was stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., has now been sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Miller has recently received word that their son, Grover, has been killed in action.

Notes From The County Agent's Office

ATTENTION FARMERS:
Dr. J. I. Weeks, Veterinarian, will be at Early Boney's farm, on Monday February 19th at nine o'clock to treat your work animals for any ailment they may have, and to vaccinate them for sleeping sickness and tetanus. He will have with him a man to trim feet and do shoeing.

Dr. Weeks will be at Chinquapin on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. So "Care for your animals now and Save Time Later."

N. C. SOILS NEED MORE LIME
Estimates from the U. S. Department of Agriculture are that North Carolina soils need about 3 times as much lime as they are now receiving, according to Lewis W. Outlaw, Chairman of Duplin County AAA Committee.

Mr. Outlaw noted a report compiled by the N. C. Department of Agriculture that revealed that N. C. farmers use more fertilizer each year than any other state in the Nation. The report showed that expenditures for fertilizers is near 80 times that for lime.

It was pointed out in the opinion of the associate agronomist of the state, that all farmers desiring lime should use it at once. "The fertilizer that the farmers buy would often be more effective if applied on land that has been properly limed."

Dr. Reed has given credit to the AAA for the increased use of lime in the state from 15 pounds per acre in 1935 to 140 pounds in 1940. "Many farmers have come to see the value of lime through this program, and there are many cases where lime pays dividends far above the cost of the lime itself," Dr. Reed stated.

Ground limestone is one of the materials that is being furnished through the 1945 AAA Program to restore and conserve the fertility of the soil, and all farmers desiring limestone for use at any time during the year are urged to place their orders at the Duplin County AAA office at the earliest possible date.

ANNOUNCE SUPPORT PRICE FOR SPUDS
The War Food Administration has announced the 1945 price support of \$2.30 per hundred weight for U. S. No. 1 early Irish potatoes produced in 17 North Carolina counties, including Duplin County. This price relates to carloads of U. S. No. 1 grade potatoes packed in new or thoroughly renovated bags and loaded on board a through-carrier at country shipping points. There are appropriate differentials for potatoes grading not less than U. S. commercial

MAGNOLIA MAN RECEIVES PURPLE HEART



Sgt. G. Elbert Miller Tells of Action; Shot by Nazi Sniper

Shot by a sniper while clearing the town of Juelich, Germany, Sgt. G. Elbert Miller of Magnolia, is recuperating at an Army general hospital in England.

His ward surgeon reported that Sgt. Miller is rapidly recovering from his wounds.

"Our unit was cleaning out a village street by street and house by house," Sgt. Miller said. "The Jerries knew how to hold a town and had machine guns and snipers at every corner. We progressed slowly, machine gunning, throwing grenades, staying in places a few minutes then hopping to the next one. It was almost like playing a game—a deadly game. Just before I was hit we had cleared a house and a sniper got me as I was entering the doorway."

Sgt. Miller was evacuated to a field hospital, to Paris, and finally flown to England. He had been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and recently received the Purple Heart.

Before entering the Army at Ft. Bragg, he drove a tractor for the Wells-Oates Lumber Co., here in Kenansville. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller live in Magnolia.

Warsaw Sgt. German Prisoner; Was Reported Missing In Action

TiSgt. James F. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, of Warsaw is now reported as a prisoner of War in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Miller received a telegram Feb. 13 from the War Department notifying them that their son, who was first reported missing in action over Austria on Dec. 7, 1944, is now a prisoner of War in Germany.

Sgt. Miller was with the Army Air Corps, serving as a gunner on a B-17 in Italy and had flown about 5 missions when last heard from. No direct word has come from Sgt. Miller since early in December. On Dec. 23, the War Dept. announced him as missing.

OPEN FORUM

N. C. State College, Box 3389 Raleigh, N. C.
Editor Of The Duplin Times Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Sir:
I have read the poem, "The Passing of The Pot," printed in the January 12 issue of the Duplin Times, and again in a more recent issue. Personally I think you are harming yourself and your paper by printing such vulgar "mess". Maybe you don't think that I am capable of criticizing this poem, but on what standard are those people who requested for it to be printed again? The library here at State College subscribes to many of the leading state papers, and I see that the Duplin Times is not one of them.

Maybe you will print this letter in your paper.

Sincerely yours,
Angus W. Mercer.

Potters Hill Man Returns From The Pacific

Coy Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Turner of Potters Hill, is at home after receiving his discharge from the Army on Jan. 25th. He entered service September 10, 1941, and has seen service in Hawaii, Gilbert Islands, Saipan, and New Hebrides. He was in the bloody invasion of Saipan. He was given a medical discharge for arthritis.

grade containing at least 80 percent U. S. No. 1 quality and for potatoes packed in less desirable bags. The 1945 price support for late-season Irish potatoes will be announced later.

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 first of the series.)

The sixth week of the Legislature is now in progress. Five weeks have passed, and the record of the present session at the present time is behind schedule as compared to the 1943 session. To date about 350 House and Senate bills have been introduced, where on the same date during the 1943 session over 500 bills had been introduced. However, the number of bills introduced does not always indicate the amount of work done or amount of good accomplished. Some important legislation has already been enacted into law and most of the more important bills are in consideration and are well on the way to final action. There are a number of bills that are State-wide under consideration. They are such measures as: Insurance revision; consideration of measures for roads program, including measures for setting aside a substantial amount of money for the betterment of secondary roads.

Joint Resolutions were introduced last week in both the House and Senate, declaring the policy of the State, as to the fixing of salaries scale for and the payment of salaries of public school teachers and principals. These resolutions were signed by 61 members of the House and 14 members of the Senate, declaring the fixing of these salaries is an administrative rather than a legislative function, and that the appropriation should be sufficient to enable the State Board of Education to fix a schedule for teachers ranging from \$1.125 for holders of A grade certificates, with no experience, to \$1,800 for A grade teachers having 9 years of experience.

Bills were introduced during the week to establish two institutions, one for the care of feeble-minded negro children and the other for the care of spastic children, of whom there are 1000 or more in the State.

A bill was introduced to reorganize the management of the various State Institutions for the care of the insane. Another bill would make far-reaching changes in the method of commitments and discharge of persons suffering with mental disorders for observation. A joint resolution was received from the State Board of Education recognizing the claims of Caswell Training School at Kinston for a building program as soon as conditions will permit.

Bills are under consideration that would make tighter the provisions for vaccinating children for smallpox and diphtheria and require their immunization against whooping cough.

A bill was received to appropriate \$75,000, for assistance to counties to provide modern sanitary facilities and water supplies for the schools and require rigid inspection of schools. A resolution was received that would appoint a commission to make a study of the conditions and other aspects and making inspection tours of the State's penal institutions and report to the 1947 General Assembly.

Two bills making divorce proceedings in the State less difficult were introduced. Another divorce bill was received that would allow a divorce on the grounds of insanity and which is incurable after ten years. The Church folks and many others over the State are bitterly opposed to the enactment of any laws that will make divorces more easily obtained.

House Bill No. 55, to remove the requirement of taking private examinations of married women as to their execution of deeds, deeds of trust, and other instruments was ratified last week.

Numerous local bills have been introduced by representatives and Senators from various counties and among these are bills requested by the Towns of Wallace, Faison, Warsaw, Rose Hill, and Chinquapin. The Chinquapin bill has not been introduced as yet but will be early this week. The Representative and Senators have each received a petition for the Chinquapin bill and the governing boards of the other towns mentioned, by unanimous vote of their boards, requested the local legislation for their towns. All such bills were referred by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate to the Committee on Finance and the Chairmen advise that they will consider them altogether soon.

There is no certainty now as to just what date adjournment may be, but it is generally believed that it will be between the 5th and 9th of March. Adjournment of course depends upon just how many long fights may develop on the floor of the House and Senate on the consideration of the major State-wide measures.

You May Now Send Messages To Released Prisoners Of War In The Phillipine Islands



MOHAM H. BARR

Pfc. Momom Barr, of Warsaw, who has been with the Army Quartermaster Corps in England for several months, but is now probably in France. At the time of induction last April he was employed with A. Brooks, in Warsaw.

Gets Distinguished Unit Badge

With 15th AAF in Italy.—Sgt. David J. Hubbard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hubbard, Sr., Warsaw, is authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator group which has been cited for outstanding performance of duty. Sgt. Hubbard is a radio maintenance mechanic. Prior to his entry into the USAAF in August, 1942, he was employed by A. J. Jenkins, contractor, Warsaw.

DUPLIN GOES OVER TOP IN POLIO DRIVE

Dr. H. W. Colwell of Wallace, Chairman of the 1945 Infantile Paralysis Drive, announces that Duplin County is over the top in its drive for \$2,031 by about \$200 with reports incomplete from several communities. He predicts a final count of approximately \$2500.

N. C. Hog Price Hits Top Of \$14.55 At Two Marts

For the first time in more than a year the liveweight price of farmer-to-dealer hogs reached the ceiling in North Carolina this week with 180-200 pound weights of choice stock bringing \$14.55. State Agriculture Department says the price upswing followed a production decline.

The North Carolina top was reached in Kinston and Fayetteville.

Duplin Couple Gets Their First Letter From Son; War Prisoner

In Germany since last October; Letters written in German hospital last November.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitfield last week received the first letters from their son, Pvt. Ralph Whitfield, since he was reported missing in action October 15, 1944.

Albert is now a prisoner of war in Germany where he told his parents he was captured on October 13. He was wounded just before his capture and was in a hospital in Germany when he wrote the letters. The letters were dated November 20, 1944 and December 18, 1944.

The letters:
"Dear Mother and Father: How is everybody around home these days? Fine I hope. I don't know when or what the first message was you received, but I hope you didn't worry much."

I was captured October 13, but was wounded before I was captured. Three bullets went through my left arm, two above and one below the elbow, breaking it below the elbow. I am in Germany in a hospital and getting along fine. My arm will be out of the cast in two or three weeks.

The food is not of the best, but there's plenty of it, and that's what counts. Tell J. G. to go squirrel hunting and kill a few. So long and don't worry.

Your son, Ralph."

"Dear Folks: How is everybody these cold December days? I am getting along as fine as could be expected. My arm is out of the cast and is O. K. Seven more days until Christmas and I guess you will be pretty busy these seven."

It will be some time after Christmas before you get this, so I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Well Dad, send me that hog you said you would give me when I got married. I think it will do me more good now than later.

Well, I guess I'll close for now, but don't worry.

Your son, Ralph."

Kenansville Soldier Promoted To 1st Lt.



Hqs. 10th Air Force in Burma.—Promotion to First Lieutenant of Carlton B. Dobson, 26, son of C. D. Dobson of Kenansville, has been announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, Commanding General, Tenth Air Force.

Dobson, a pilot for the "Fighting Crows," a P-47 squadron of the Tenth Air Force that operates against the Japs in the India-Burma theater. Lt. Dobson holds the Air Medal. He has been in the armed forces over three years, having spent 10 months in this theater of operations.

Lt. Dobson is a graduate of Kenansville High School, and formerly was employed by the Davey Tree Expert Co., of Kent, Ohio.

Duplin Soldier Receives Year's Supply Of Times

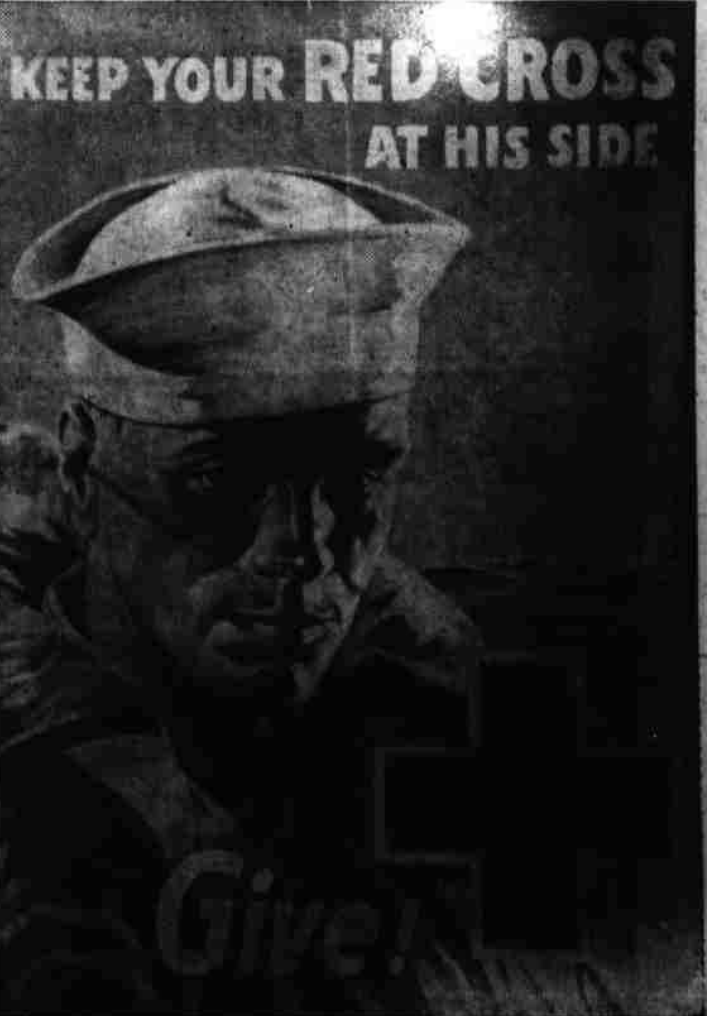
Frank Coston of near Warsaw recently wrote that he received 51 copies of the Duplin Times in one mail. Short of 100 of being a year's supply. Pvt. Coston is now in the Pelelieu Islands in the Pacific recuperating from wounds received in action. He says he is reading every word in each paper, beginning with the oldest copy.

15-YEAR-OLD DUPLIN BOY IS POLIO VICTIM

Another Duplin County case of infantile paralysis, the second to be diagnosed in Kinston since the epidemic broke last summer, was reported there after the victim had been removed to Charlotte for special treatment under Dr. Gaul at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

The paralytic victim was Roland Miller, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Miller of Beulaville, and one of five children, including a brother who has been reported killed in action overseas.

BETTER BE MUM
OR EVEN DUMB
THAN TALK TOO MUCH
AND LOSE A CHUM!



NOTICE TO FEDERAL INCOME TAXPAYERS

WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE:

Your income tax return for the calendar year of 1944 must be filed not later than March 15, 1945, with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which you live or have your principal business.

NOTICE: While most taxpayers will be able to prepare their returns themselves, a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the following places and dates:

- Wallace Post office, Feb. 19, and 20.
- Court House in Kenansville, Feb. 21, 22, and 23rd.
- Warsaw City Hall, Feb. 26, March 1, and 2nd.
- Roseboro, Post office, March 5, and 6th.
- Clinton, 110 Fayetteville St., Feb. 24, March 3, 7, and 15th.

to give any advice or assistance needed. No charge will be made for this service.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

Most taxpayers have already made substantial payments on their 1944 Federal tax through withholding from their wages or direct payments to the Collector, BUT, NEVERTHELESS, ALL TAXPAYERS MUST FILE ANNUAL RETURNS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 1945, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

WHO MUST FILE

Any person whose total income in 1944 was \$500 or more.

FORM TO USE

Use either your Withholding Receipt or Form 1040.