

Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Rotary International Celebrates 40th. Anniversary

Warsaw Club Organized Twenty Years Ago; History Of Organization

Rotary International, fellowship and civic club, celebrated its 40th birthday on February 23rd. Warsaw has the only Rotary club in this county and it is 20 years old this year. At one time it was known as the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club but due to gasoline rationing, members from Kenansville have been forced to drop out and now the organization is confined to Warsaw alone.

In commemorating the founding of the international organization, the Warsaw club last Thursday held a founder's day program and on the inside of this paper will be found an account of that meeting.

LOCAL BOARD SENDS 76 TO FT. BRAGG

The following white men left Kenansville February 23, for pre-induction examination at Fort Bragg:

James A. Farrior, Edmond G. Edwards, Walter L. Wade, Johnnie E. Bradshaw, Clifton Exum, Thurman L. Whaley, John E. Maready, Adell Q. Henderson, James Odell Thomas, Elmer O. Harper, Melton A. Lanier, Furnie R. Wood, Roe James, Davis N. Brinson, Raeford Quinn, DeLeon Smith Jr., Ralph Chambers, Lemuel Joby Stroud, William J. Whaley, Albert A. Dall, Ransom D. Basden, James W. Boham, William E. Casey, Leroy J. Kennedy, Buren Urah Brinkley, Durwood James Hall, David Edwin Murphy, Delbert Futrell, Levy Allen Brock, Otis Penny, Richard E. Smith, Paul H. Newsome, Dulan P. Sellers, Hallie L. Mobley, Leon Maready, William L. Sloan, Leonard E. Edwards, Joe Foster, Leroy Williams, Ivey H. Sutton, Ernest L. Turner, Marion Stanley Archer, Raymond E. Cavenaugh, John Donald Glasgow, William E. Fides, Cyrus R. Mobley, Geo. Kennedy, LeRoy Russell, Royce Nor, Arnold Gordon Kennedy, James Lincoln Graham, Floyd W. Henderson, Albert Beasley Craft, George Edwards, Richard Franklin, Neethan Jarman, Sylvester J. Whaley, William R. Miller, William Randolph Smith, Alton Brown Williams, Vivian W. Miller, Ray E. Batts, and William B. Casey.

The following white men left Kenansville, Feb. 26, for induction at Ft. Bragg:

George N. Atkinson, Winifred E. Mobley, Jerald D. Harper, Harold L. Henderson, Glenwood Thomas, Earl Dixon, William B. Grady, Milton Kornegay, James Raymond Dall, Rayford I. Mercer, Corbett L. Quinn, Jr., Herman E. Atkinson, and John Thomas Garlin.

"HIGHLIGHTS" OF SCHOOLS-AT-WAR ACTIVITIES IN N. C.

An official report received recently from the War Finance Division shows that North Carolina Schools, with a total sales of \$11,617,038.00, ranks fifth among the states in War Bond and Stamp sales for the fall school term ending Dec. 23.

North Carolina officials think this a most creditable showing in view of the fact that our schools were delayed in opening.

Through the efforts of faculty and students alike, these schools purchased for the armed forces: 783 Field Ammunitions, 104 Jeeps, 3 Tanks, 15 Miscellaneous, 147 Planes consisting of: 41 Liaison, 37 Army Trainers, 26 Navy Trainers, 18 Pursuit, 1 James, 2 P-51 Mustangs, 3 F4F "Hellcats", 6 Hospital Service, 2 TBF "Avenge", 2 PBM Martin Mariners, and 1 B-29 Bomber.

The above pieces of equipment were actually sponsored by North Carolina Schools and decalcomanias bearing name of school, or school group, which sponsored each particular piece of equipment were placed in them by manufacturers.

DUPLIN COUNTY

The total fall sales reported from Duplin County Schools amounted to \$9,510.80.

Individual campaigns sponsored for the purchase price of equipment are as follows:

B. F. GRADY HOME ECONOMICS CLUB 3 Jeeps at \$1,165.00 Total \$3,495.00; 3 Field Ammunitions at \$1,950.00. Total \$5,550.

Teachey First

The Community of Teachey got the jump over Rose Hill this year in the Red Cross drive and went over the top opening day, Sunday, February 25th. Rose Hill has enjoyed this honor for the past two years.



RICHARD H. WELLS President, Rotary International

Rose Hill Over The Top

Reaches Quota of \$1420; Second in county to make quota; Expects raise several hundred more.

Rose Hill went over its quota of \$1420 Wednesday noon in the 1945 Red Cross Drive. Mrs. E. P. Blanchard, chairman of the drive there, called the Times office to make the report. She said they almost reached the top Sunday, the opening day of the drive. She said they expected to go several hundred dollars over their quota and that some workers had made no report Wednesday.

Rose Hillians were a little disappointed that they did not go over first this year as they have in the past two years. The community of Teachey reached its \$100 first. So comparatively speaking, Rose Hill gets as high in honors as does Teachey.

FUEL OIL FOR TOBACCO BARNES

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding who may purchase fuel oil to cure tobacco with this summer. The local War Price and Rationing Board made the following statement this week:

"An applicant is not eligible for a fuel oil ration if he still has, or has disposed of or destroyed equipment burning either coal or wood. He is eligible if he has built a new barn, for instance, and has no other equipment for the purpose."

Eastern Associational S.S. Conference In Warsaw Tues

Meeting To Convene In Baptist Church 7:50 P. M. Mar. 6th.

A special Sunday School Conference of the Eastern Association will be held in the Warsaw Baptist Church Tuesday night, March 6, at 7:30 with the Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Rev. J. V. Case, of Rose Hill, presiding.

All teachers and officers from each of the Eastern Associational Sunday Schools are urgently requested to attend as there will be special conferences for all committees on Evangelism and "Evangelism" will be the theme for the entire conference.

Departmental leaders have been selected to lead each conference and the Rev. Clyde Baumco will be the inspirational speaker.

LIST JURORS FOR MARCH TERM OF COURT

FIRST WEEK:
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AUBREY L. CAVENAUGH President, Rotary Club of Warsaw

MIKE THOMAS KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Thomas of Beaulieu have received word from the War Department stating that their son, Pvt. Mike Thomas, had been killed in action in Germany on February 17th. Pvt. Thomas entered service August 24, 1944, and received training at Camp Blanding. He spent a short enough home during Christmas before reporting to Ft. Meade, Md., from there he was immediately shipped to the European war zone. Letters from Mike indicated he had been in active combat for about three weeks. He was with the 7th Army.

Surviving are his parents and the following brothers and sisters, Frank Thomas, S. L. of Hastings, Nebr., Bonnie Thomas of Warsaw, Rolin Thomas of Beaulieu, Mrs. Flavin Donley and Mrs. Eugene Whaley of the home.

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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 eighth of the series.)

The General Assembly may adjourn the week ending March 10th but of this it is not certain, of course. The Appropriations bill has been passed and the revenue bill is ready for introduction at this time; this being written on Monday, February 26th. The Revenue Act can be enacted into law sometime during the week ending March 10th, but this depends upon whether or not there is much debate on the measure on the floor of the House and Senate.

There are yet other important matters for consideration by money committees. The insurance tax provisions are yet to be ironed out and the Hospital and Medical Care bill has a great deal of controversy in it, in spite of the compromises which have taken place in the Governor's office. Only the proponents have been heard on the Liquor Referendum bill before the Senate Committee, and the opponents are to be heard on the bill Tuesday of this week. Several days may be necessary for the completion of consideration of the referendum bill and no one is prepared to predict the outcome. The bill is being sponsored by Governor Cherry and is backed by the Allied Church League, of North Carolina, which league is composed of the leading church denominations of the State.

The Governor's Liquor Transportation bill has passed the Senate and received a favorable report from the House Finance committee after having received a great deal of opposition. The bill is designed to prohibit the illegal transportation into and through the State of wholesale quantities of alcoholic liquors and beverages. The bill is expected to pass the House early this week.

A joint committee on Finance approved a proposal of a joint-sub committee to exempt from the provisions of the sales tax law, Feeds, Seeds and Insecticides. This was done after it was shown that the law in its application has proven discriminatory in that some of the wholesalers are and have been selling these commodities, in many cases, direct to the consumer without collecting or paying the 3 percent sales tax,

whereas the retailers under the law have to collect and pay the tax. The Revenue Department admitted the certain inequities existing in the law that make it difficult to administer in some cases.

The Legislature of 1943 set aside \$20,000,000 as a post-war fund, to be used only after the war is over, and the present session, in the beginning, set aside from the surplus of the General Fund a further sum of nearly fifty-two millions in a sinking fund to pay off the State's General Fund indebtedness, and no one doubts the wisdom of setting aside these funds for the stated purposes and it is conceded by practically everyone that the two legislative bodies have shown themselves to be men of excellent judgment.

Notwithstanding the fact that over seventy millions of dollars have been set aside for very useful and specific purposes the 1945 session has and will appropriate more money by several millions of dollars for the operation of the State's several divisions of governmental operation than any previous Legislature. On the whole this Legislature is certainly a most conservative one but at the same time it has gone a long way toward taking care of the increased needs in salaries of the teachers and other State employees and the institutions of the State.

The question now is, "Will the incoming revenue for the next two years be sufficient to take care of the appropriations?" Of course no one definitely knows the answer, but upon the basis of the past, it is assumed that the same will be amply taken care of. The needs at this time required some increases and the Governor and members realizing the importance of the matter undertook the job in an honest effort to meet the situation in the best possible manner from every angle.

The members are now looking forward to adjournment by March 10th — it may not be that early, but let's hope so.

CORRECTION

T/Sgt. James F. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, of Warsaw, who is now a prisoner of war of the Germans, after having been missing from his base in Italy, where he was with the 15th Air Force, serving as a gunner on a B-17, has made over 35 missions, when last heard from, instead of only 5 as printed in the Times, on Feb. 16. It is with regret that this error was made.

Sgt. Miller was awarded the Air Medal and also the Oak Leaf Cluster, for meritorious services, prior to falling into enemy hands.

PROMOTED IN FRANCE

Mosley (Dock) McGowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McGowan, of Warsaw, was recently promoted from Corporal to Sergeant somewhere in France. He has been with the Headquarters in Paris several months. His wife, the former Miss Ella Dean Marshall, of Clinton, resides in Goldsboro, where they lived prior to Sgt. McGowan's entering the Army.

Three Communities Over Top In 1945 County Red Cross Drive



Honorable Walter F. George, United States Senator from Georgia, will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, March 4th.

Senator George, an honored leader in the U. S. Senate for 20 years, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Vienna, Ga., and a Christian scholar of the first order, has a firm grip on the Christian verities as they apply to world affairs as well as to personal living, and is eminently qualified to speak on the subject, "The Foundation of Freedom." And, further, that from his wide experience in speaking over the radio, he has come to be recognized as a top radio speaker, according to S. F. Lowe, Director of the Radio Committee, S. E. C.

Forest Produce Committee Plans Drive To Aid The War Effort

Governor Cherry urges all-out effort; County Agent calls Conference to meet here next Thursday.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, recognizing the urgent need of forest products to meet the war demands, and at the request of the War Production Board and industry representatives, held a conference of lumbermen, pulp and paper manufacturers, and representatives of agricultural and forestry agencies and the various war activities groups. This conference, held Friday, Feb. 9th, checked the record of progress in North Carolina and found that we have done remarkably well in supplying lumber and pulpwood, but at the same time believes that we can do more in helping to meet this urgent need.

The War Production Board shows the critical need for forest products in this statement on lumber and pulpwood:

"Lumber is now in such short supply that a number of important military programs are affected. Unless action is taken immediately to relieve the manpower and equipment situation, it will be necessary for the military to re-schedule some of their essential programs to allow the use of substitute materials.

Overall lumber production has decreased steadily since August. Total estimated lumber requirements for the first quarter of 1945 are 9,167,000,000 board feet, as against an anticipated supply (based on fourth quarter 1944 production) of 7,490,000,000 board feet. This represents a deficit of 18 per cent. At a meeting of the Lumber Industry Advisory Committee on December 15, a pool of the committee members on their estimates of production in the first quarter of 1945 disclosed a joint opinion that first quarter production may be reduced an additional 25 per cent below the anticipated production indicated above. Under such conditions, the gap between supply and requirements would be so great that drastic further restrictions would have to be applied to various essential programs."

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Consumption from August thru November has exceeded consumption during the same period in 1943 by 10 per cent, while domestic production during this period has increased only 3 per cent.

Approximately 10 per cent of the available wood pulp supply is now going for non-paper uses, such as explosives, rayon, cellophane, and export. The requirements of wood pulp for Ordnance purposes, for example, which were negligible at the beginning of the war have increased to 20,000 tons per month, and expected to increase to nearly 26,000 tons per month before the end of 1945.

The established minimum requirements for paper and paperboard for the first quarter of 1945 are 4,400,000 tons. It is obvious that increased production in lumber and pulpwood is essential to the war effort. The only possible way to get this increase is not only to maintain the present labor supply, but to use every available means of increasing it."

The conference chairman, Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director of Extension at State College, appointed a committee of industry representatives and representatives of the public agencies to plan and promote a campaign among farmers, timber owners, and timber operators to increase the output of forest products, especially lumber and pulpwood.

The demand is urgent. Someone said, "Don't let our boys overseas down." Yet numerous cases were reported showing the shortage of shells and supplies reaching the front due to a shortage of lumber and pulp for making packaging material. It's the patriotic duty of every farmer, timber operator, woods laborer, and others to give every day possible to aid in meeting those timber needs. The boys at the fighting front have no waste or idle time — let's have no absenteeism in the woods.

OUT OF BUSINESS

The local Rationing Board recently mailed a letter to every retail merchant and service station in the county requesting certain information. Reason for sending the letters was that the office has in several cases as many as three files on the same business establishment, each file under a different name. The first owner sold out and failed to report to the Rationing Board. The second did likewise, therefore a lot of unnecessary filing was being done. Replies to the letters revealed just who the present owners of the businesses are.

One former owner made the following reply: "Out of business and stamps were burned by mistake." His name was promptly removed from the files.

WHEN YOU "FINISH" READING THIS PAPER GIVE IT TO THE SCRAP DRIVE, THEY NEED IT

Uncle Sam needs old paper and needs it badly. In this issue of the Times over 500 pounds of paper will go into the fireplace or stove or some place. Why not give it and all other scrap paper you can rake up to the scrap drive. In Kenansville at present the Boy Scouts are collecting paper. If you have any let them know and they'll come for it.

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Teachey, Rose Hill and Faison, over top; County Quota of \$18,500 expected to be reached by March 10th; Chairman Ulrich urges an all-out effort.

Duplin's 1945 Red Cross drive is getting under way with three communities already over the top in their quota. Teachey was first to go over with a quota of \$100. Rose Hill ran second with a quota of \$420. T. S. Shittie, chairman of the Faison community drive, reported this morning that Faison was over the top with a quota of \$1075.

COME ON KENANSVILLE, LET'S GO.

The county quota is \$13,500 and chairman G. H. Ulrich is urging everyone to an all-out effort to make the county quota by March 10th.

Warsaw Boy Prisoner Of War Freed At Manila

Norwood Carroll writes his mother, Mrs. Chas. F. Carroll, that he and family safe; Letter written Feb. 6th, after being freed; Letter.

On Monday, Feb. 26, Mrs. Chas. F. Carroll, of Warsaw, received a letter from her son, Norwood M. Carroll, written Feb. 6, 1945, a few days after he and his family was liberated from the Japanese, by the U. S. Army at the Santo Tomas University Internment Camp, Manila.

He stated that he, his wife and three children had withstood the hardships of internment wonderfully; that the children were well and that the baby, born in Dec. 1941, at Iloilo, Panay Island, was especially fine. He said that it was impossible to express in a single letter their experiences, but they had volumes to tell. What he craved most was a cold drink at the local drug store, as they had had no ice since their imprisonment.

Mr. Carroll, an executive of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., was living with his family at Iloilo, P. I., at the outbreak of the war. He was free until that city fell to the Japs in May, 1942, and had continued his work for several months, after sending his family to the interior for safety. He, with his family were interned at the Iloilo Camp until it was discontinued in June 1943, when the entire family was transferred to Santo Tomas.

Mr. Carroll is a graduate of the University of N. C. He is a nephew of J. S. Massenburn, 2240 Circle Drive and brother of Mrs. J. B. Ledbetter, 600 Devereaux St., Raleigh. Mrs. Carroll is an alumna of Meredith College and Duke University and has relatives in Raleigh and Durham that will rejoice in their freedom.

The Carrolls expect to return to the states on the earliest repatriation list.

His letter:

Santo Tomas Internment Camp Manila, P. I., Feb. 6, 1945

My Precious Mother, relatives and friends,

This morning we had November 1944 messages from mother, Mangum, Blanche, and Mrs. Stelle, our old reliable. The U. S. Army moved in a few days ago and they tell us that there are few things, if anything, that we cannot have. Your messages were so cheerful and I'm sure we have more coming, also mail.

I have prayed for Bill every night since I learned he was in service and was overjoyed to learn he was expected home for Christmas.

Isobel and the children have been magnificent in our struggle of the past few months. The children are doing well and you will all go crazy over Billy. (The baby born in Dec. 1941)

I have nurtured a yearning for years to go into Barney Sheffield's and make the coldest drink in the house. Ice has been unknown to us for a long time. Tell all the boys we look forward to seeing them soon.

We have signed up for the first repatriation list. It is impossible to express our true feelings in a single letter, but we have volumes to tell you. We have emerged from the darkness and are in full view of the light. The Lord has heard our prayers. May he bless you all and keep you until we can see you --- soon.

All our love to all, Norwood.

Experiments show that midsummer sunlight has six times the value of midwinter sunlight in ultra violet effect on human health.