

Scouts To Help In Drive For Used Clothing

Girl Scouts To Collect Clothing, Canes, Etc.

To aid in America's gift to humanity, the Kenansville Girl Scouts will call at each end every home this coming Tuesday to collect useable clothing, which we all know the majority of us have, that can be spared, to be sent to suffering war-torn victims overseas.

This drive is nation wide. Its object is to provide 35,000,000 pounds of useable clothing to the suffering victims whose homes, and their very all have been devastated by the cruel rigors of war.

If you fail to be at home when the girls call, or if from other reasons your gift is not picked up, packages will be gladly received at the Kenansville Bus Station anytime during next week.

Be ready, and donate as much clothing as possible.

The Scouts will also be happy to collect all canes, crutches, etc. that you may have to spare, that can be used to help our returning wounded war veterans that are increasing day by day.

Veterans' Agricultural Loans Guaranteed

The Veterans' Administration is now guaranteeing agricultural loans to veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights. Under this bill, the Veterans' Administration does not actually make loans but guarantees 50 per cent of the loans made to any one veteran or \$2,000 which ever is the smaller.

Any person who has served in active military or naval service of the United States on or after September 16, 1940 and prior to the termination of the present war who has a discharge or release other than dishonorable after active service of 90 days or more, or discharged by reason of an injury or disability incurred in service in line of duty, is eligible for a loan guaranty. Any veteran may apply within two years after separation from service, or two years after termination of the war, whichever is the later date, but not later than five years after the termination of the war. Interest for the first year on that part of the loan guaranteed will be paid by the Veterans' Administration.

Here is the way a veteran goes about getting a loan for a farm or other farm property guaranteed:

1. Locate the property he wishes to purchase.
2. Contact a bank, an individual, or any company which will agree to make the necessary loan provided the Veterans' Administration will issue a guaranty.
3. The prospective lender will write to the Veterans' Administration for a certificate of eligibility for the veteran, if the lender requires a guaranty.
4. Upon the receipt of a Certificate of Eligibility, the prospective lender will then have the property appraised by a designated appraiser.
5. Upon the receipt of appraisal report, the prospective lender and the veteran will prepare the loan guaranty application and forward it to William C. Blackmore, County FSA Supervisor, Warsaw, N. C., who is secretary to the local certifying committee. This committee is composed of G. C. Holland, Rt. 1, Faison; R. C. Moore, Bowden; E. R. Carlton, Rt. 1, Warsaw; and W. N. McLean, of Wallace.
6. After taking appropriate action, the certifying committee will forward the application to the Veterans' Administration for review. The Veterans' Administration will then notify the lender whether the application for guaranty is or is not approved, if the conditions of the approval, if granted.

SEAL YOUR LIPS SAVE OUR SHIPS!

Meet Saturday To Finish Grounds at Grove Church

Members and friends of Grove Presbyterian Church are invited to meet there Saturday afternoon to finish cleaning the grounds.

All are to bring garden tools and a picnic lunch and lead tea will be furnished by the Sunday School.

Mr. Allen Craft will preach on Sunday at 11:00 o'clock.

REVIVAL MEETING
AT
FAISON METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 8th to 15th
SERVICES EACH EVENING AT 8:00.
PREACHING BY REV. O. L. HATHAWAY

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

Do you have a child who will enter school for the first time next year? According to State School laws, a child must reach the age of six years on or before Oct. 2, and must enter school during the first month of the school year.

It is of the utmost importance that a child be physically fit when entering school. Few children can progress when handicapped. The time to have a pre-school child examined is now, before school starts next year, and in time to have any defects corrected before the child enters school.

A pre-school clinic will be held at the following schools on the designated date and hour. One or both of the parents should come with the child, so that any physical defects which might be present can be pointed out and discussed. If it is impossible for the parents to come, the child may be sent with an older student who will know its name, birth date, parent's names and address, dates of vaccinations, etc.

- Schedule for following schools:**
- April 6, 10 A. M. Calypso; 1 P. M. Calypso Colored.
 - April 9, 10 A. M. Faison; 1 P. M. Faison Colored.
 - April 13, 10 A. M. Chinquapin Colored.
 - April 16, 10 A. M. Magnolia; 1 P. M. Magnolia Colored.
 - April 19, 10 A. M. Outlaw's Bridge; 2 P. M. Branch.
 - April 20, 10 A. M. E. F. Grady.
 - April 23, 10 A. M. Kenansville; 1 P. M. Kenansville Colored.
 - April 26, 10 A. M. Warsaw; 1 P. M. Warsaw Colored.
 - April 27, 10 A. M. Rose Hill; 1 P. M. Rose Hill Colored.
 - April 29, 10 A. M. Wallace; 1 P. M. Wallace Colored.
 - May 4, 10 A. M. Chinquapin.
 - May 7, 10 A. M. Beulaville.

South Eastern District Festival Contest Results

The South Eastern District Festival Contest which was held in Kenansville March 31st with Donald Peery of St. Marys School, acting Judge, were as follows:

- Elementary Piano Solo** - Angela Daughtry - Kenansville-Duplin Onslow Club.
Moderately Difficult Piano Solo - Betty Morris - Atlantic - Newbern Junior Club.
Very Difficult Piano Solo - Alice Sylvester - Richlands - Duplin Onslow Club.
- Voice and Accompaniments Contest** held in New Bern.
Superior Ratings: Intermediate Soprano - Kathryn Maxwell, DeLena Hughes and Gale Turnbull, all of New Bern Junior Club.
Medium Accompaniments - Jo Anne Turnbull - New Bern Junior Club.
- Excellent Ratings:** Primary Piano Duets - Sallie Newton and Millie Burch, Kenansville.
Primary Piano Solo - Sallie Newton, Kenansville.
Moderately Elementary Piano Duets - Mary Sue Burch and Betty Whitfield, Kenansville.
Moderately Elementary Piano Solo - Marguerite Teachey, Wallace.
Medium Piano Solo - Evelyn Mills, Richlands, and Betty West, Warsaw.
Moderately Difficult Piano Solo - Judy Powers, Wallace.
Difficult Piano Solo - Mary Elie West, Warsaw.
Very Difficult Piano Solo - Jack Middleton, Warsaw; Marilyn Alderman, Rose Hill.

LOCAL BOARD NO. 2 SENDS 9 MEN TO BRAGG FOR PRE-INDUCTION

The following white men left Kenansville March 30th for pre-induction examination at Bragg: William Gordon Outlaw, Ernest Houston, Liston Henderson Moore, Leslie Maready, Lloyd Milton Kennedy, Ervin Mobley, William Franklin Gray, Clarence Lee Garvey, and Edward Bruce Holland.

EXAMINATION FOR RURAL CARRIER IS ANNOUNCED

The United Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Chinquapin, N. C. The examination will be held at Wallace.

Receipts of applications will close on April 26th, 1945.

Date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date.

Salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 30 miles served daily except Sunday is \$1,900 per annum, with an additional \$20 per mile per annum for each mile in excess of 30 miles. Certain allowances are also made for maintenance of equipment. All regular, full-time carriers receive additional compensation at the rate of \$300 per annum. Temporary, substitute, and auxiliary rural carriers and rural carriers serving tri-weekly routes receive an increase of 15 percent of their earned basic compensation, but such increases will not in any case exceed an average of \$25 per month for the fiscal year or fractional part thereof.

Examination will be open only to citizens who are actually residing in the territory where the vacancy exists and have been residing there for six months preceding date of application.

Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, 25, D. C., prior to the close of business on the date specified above.

Beulaville Soldier In Battle For Saipan Receives Promotion

Pvt. Willis F. Hinson of Beulaville, a litter bearer in a medical battalion, with the 27th Infantry Division in the Pacific, has been promoted to Private First Class. He entered service in January, 1943 and went overseas in May of the same year to join the famed 27th Infantry Division.

He participated in the bloody struggle for Saipan, in which that vital Marianas island base was seized from the Japs. He is a member of a collecting company whose function is the treatment and evacuation of front line casualties.

Prior to the Saipan operation, Hinson was with his unit in the furious storming of Makin atoll in the Gilberts. He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific and Good Conduct ribbons.

His mother, Mrs. Betty R. Hinson, resides at RFD, 2, Beulaville.

Rivers D. Johnson, Jr., Graduates From O. C. S



Quantico, Va., — Marine Second Lieutenant Rivers Dunn Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Johnson, of Warsaw, has graduated from Officers Candidate School here in the 60th class.

Lt. Johnson attended the University of North Carolina where he majored in political science and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Like his father, the 23-year-old Marine officer plans to be a lawyer after the war.

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND MERCHANTS OF DUPLIN COUNTY

This is to advise that I am in receipt of a letter today from the North Carolina Department of Revenue advising that the Amendment adopted by the 1945 General Assembly exempting Seeds, Feeds and Insecticides from the 3% sales tax became effective on March 26th, 1945, the day it was ratified.

This April 6th, 1945. C. E. Quinn.

Beulaville Soldier Awarded Cluster

Sgt. Larry P. Bostic, 24 year old Beulaville ball turret gunner, on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial installations and in cooperation with Allied ground forces. The award was presented by Col. Charles B. Dougher, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., commanding officer of the 9th Bomb. Group.

Sgt. Bostic is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bostic of Beulaville. His wife, Mrs. L. P. Bostic, also lives in Beulaville. He was a carpenter before enlisting in the Army Air Force.

CARE IN OUR TALK WILL HELP THE YANKS IN THE FOXHOLE OR IN THE TANKS!

Local Young Folks Take On Projects

The young boys and girls of Kenansville, through the inspiration of Mrs. Elery Guthrie have started a flower garden as a pastime project. This project takes on two important meanings. First, to the young folks, it is something constructive for them to pass their time with; second, they have cleared out one of the worst fire hazards in town.

Behind the local bus station is a vacant lot that was given no attention. It, in the past has been more or less a dumping spot for trash. A lighted cigarette thrown there could have started a fire that could destroy the entire business section of the town. They have cleaned it out and Representative C. E. Quinn loaned his truck to haul off the trash. It is a clean spot now and in a few weeks should be one of the prettiest spots in town if the young folks don't lose their enthusiasm of their undertaking.

Want To Buy Some Chicken Fryers?

Johnnie Garper, colored farmer in Smith Township, has about 700 chickens, including barred rocks, Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns. About a month ago his flock totaled 900. Johnnie says he buys a bag of hog ration occasionally to feed them with. He grows his own corn, has it ground into meal and coarse feed for his chicks. He says if you can't grow your own feed there's no use trying to grow chickens if you expect to make any money out of them. Occasionally he carries some to town but neighbors usually buy them from his farm as fast as they get large enough to eat. In case any of you readers are interested he charges 38 cents per pound and they really are nice fryers.

Receives Combat Infantry Badge

Td Joe T. Oates has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. He has participated in the campaigns of Northern France and Germany, holding the job as First Cook.

His mother, Mrs. Laura M. Oates resides on Rt. 1, Faison.

Spending Leave With Parents

C. J. Guy, RMIc, USN, is spending a 20 day leave with his parents in Warsaw. He has been aboard one of the Navy's Fast Carriers as radioman in the Communication Department during all of the THIRD and FIFTH Fleet operations from the Wake Island Raid in October 1943 to the strikes on Tokyo in February of this year.

During this period he experienced many Jap aerial attacks and took part in the Battle of the Philippine Sea and the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Margaret Thigpen will present her music pupils in a recital Wednesday evening, April 11th at eight o'clock in the Beulaville High School auditorium. She invites all to attend.



Booby Trap

In public speeches, in published articles and in this column since early January, 1944, I have been calling attention to the "booby trap" in America's wartime tax laws. Now, as our fighting men press harder upon Berlin, the industries that support them are drawn closer to the trap. Most war contracts will be voided on V-Day but taxes and payrolls must still be met.

Corporations pay income tax each year on the previous year's earnings, just as personal income taxes were paid prior to 1944. In 1946, firms will be taxed on 1945's earnings. But if war ends (terminating war contracts) this year, 1946 will be the year of change-back, of costly sales and few. Problem: How to hire more men and pay 1945's taxes with small earnings or none?

Apple-Polishing? Any time a voice is raised in the interest of American business, any time a writer suggests that corporation tax laws need revision, somebody accuses him of apple-polishing or grinding the axe of big business. But right is still right. Prosperity in America depends on full employment; full employment depends on business expansion, and business expansion depends on wise tax provisions.

Firms that have used their war-year profits expanding production for victory are not to be blamed. They are solvent. They will have adequate working capital due them under the present law after their Refund Bonds are cashable and after their Carry-back credits on excess profits taxes are allowed. But when will this be? As the law is written now, years will pass before the money comes.

Keep Jobs A'live After a man has starved to death, food does him no good. Neither will money due a firm help its employees after bankruptcy. What war-production firms need is money when they need it; to hire men, to buy machinery for peace-time work, to save useful enterprises and avoid wholesale unemployment in their communities. Laborers and farmers and small-town merchants have the most at stake.

William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, surely was looking through the lenses of Labor when he wrote Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways & Means Committee of the House of Representatives, urging the passage of amendments to make Refund Bonds and Carry-back funds promptly available to industry at plant reconversion time.

Labor Leader Says "Analysis of a large number of companies shows that... they have had to use their tax reserves for current operations, so that when war ends they... can not reconvert to peacetime operations and employment of men... We strongly urge that these provisions be amended in a manner which your Committee believes will make refunds available immediately at the time war production of these companies has stopped."

Mr. Hutcheson's letter reached Mr. Doughton's desk only shortly ahead of one like it from William Green, president of A. F. of L. Are these labor leaders apple-polishers? No! They are far-sighted thinkers serving the interests of working men, and they know how. They are not recommending boodie for business men. They are intelligently promoting postwar jobs and prosperity for the United States.

SEAMAN RAYNOR BACK IN STATES

Keyport, Wash. — Winfred G. Raynor, S 1c, of Beulaville has reported at the Naval Torpedo Station there, following 9 months duty at sea aboard an LST 738 which participated in action in the South Pacific.

Raynor, whose mother, Mrs. Lillian Raynor lives in Beulaville, joined the Navy in November, 1943.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Want to know the reason we're so happy and so glad? We've got the sweetest baby anybody ever had!

Arrived March 29, 1945 at 12:15 o'clock. She weighed all of 8 1-4 pounds. We named her Netha Joy. Mr. and Mrs. Bland Noble.

China

Quashing Hirohito's dream of great empire will not finish the United States' job in the Orient. Chinese, 450 million of them, already are holding out imploring hands toward America. Most of them don't know what they need but this fact only lightens our obligation because we do know what's good for them. They need slow, regular feedings of the diet on which America grew strong.

On a diet of Christianity, encouragement for initiative, free enterprise and protection for investments, America grew in 150 years from 13 rustic colonies to be the world's most powerful nation. China has had none of it. Since the year One China has had everything but a chance, so it had nothing. Fertile soil, timber, iron, coal, oil and manpower, China has had. But China stayed poor.

China Wants a Chance Far-sighted leaders in China are frankly bidding for capital investments from other countries when the war is over. It is America's invitation; no other big country will have capital at the end of the war. Will China be a good place for Americans to invest money in the postwar years? Will it be a good frontier for adventurous young Americans to enter as industrial pioneers?

Both these questions have the same answer. China offers opportunity only if investments will be safe there after the war. Less than ten years ago when I lived there nobody, except in a few favored spots, dared own a paying business. If local warlords didn't confiscate such enterprises, bandits would plunder them. I trust, if he can enjoy united cooperation from his present allies.

Business Not Safe In order to make profitable business safe in China, it will be necessary to have a strong, representative government. Government must be able to crush the rule of countless local warlords at home and command the respect and recognition of other first-rate world powers. Investment of capital there depends upon the creation of a set of conditions that do not now exist.

Developments that might take place in China in 25 years of private enterprise are staggering to think about. China's population is three times ours. China has one billion dollars invested in industry, we have 130 billion. America's capital investment is \$500 per person; China's is \$2.50. Chinese still farm with hoes while their soldiers fight with American-made guns.

Selfishness Kills Some short-sighted person is almost certain to ask: "Why should we help industrialize China, teach them how to build wealth and beat us at our own game?" The idea is silly. We will prosper with China. Prosperous customers always help. For instance, there are 130 million people in the lands south of El Paso; less than a tenth as many live in industrialized Canada. But Canada buys approximately as much from us.

China needs 25,000 locomotives, 20 million tractors and other items in proportion. China also has valuable things to trade for America's goods. It would take 100 billion dollars or more to make her competitive with the United States industrially, but nine billion would bring her up to about our horse-and-buggy days. After that she could finance herself. If we can help Chiang Kai-shek to stabilize China politically there is little doubt the cash would be available.

N. C. RANKS THIRD IN CASH VALUE OF FARM CROPS

North Carolina ranks third in the nation in cash income from farm crops and in the value of products grown and used in the farm home — second in the South in total cash farm income — first in the nation in tobacco, sweet potatoes and lespedeza seed. N. C. holds sixth place in the production of cotton.

It is estimated that over three-fourths of North Carolina's industries process products of the soil.

Note Of Appreciation

As Chairman of the Duplin County Red Cross Chapter, Mr. J. E. Jerritt wishes to thank one and all who so magnificently responded to the call of the Red Cross during our recent Red Cross War Drive.

IF YOU WOULD MUTE THE MOURNER'S BELL NO WAR SECRET SHOULD YOU TELL!

HELP OUR TROOPS STAY SAFE AND SOUND DON'T TELL ANYONE WHERE THEY'RE BOUND!



Enclosed area in above map shows Nazi territorial losses in the last month on the eastern and western fronts. New drives toward Berlin are daily tightening the Allied noose about Berlin.