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## Clothing Collection For Overseas Relief; What Can You Spare?

The Victory Clothing Collection begins January 7th and continues through the 31st. The drive will take place in every community in Duplin County. In Kenansville, Mrs. Perry Dobson is Chairman and the collection place is the bus station. Everyone is urged to give all the clothing they can spare and deliver it to the local bus station in clean repair.

Clothing, you see, is a fundamental need now - wherever the war was fought... wherever cities have been destroyed, homes burned to the ground, mill and factories ruined, farm lands planted with explosive mines. The ordinary people, the people who took the brunt of the war, have nothing left but the clothes on their backs... the same they've worn day in and day out for years.

Can you imagine what these clothes look like? If you've seen the newsreels you know. They are rags and patches. It will take time before their ruined mills produce cloth again. Meanwhile there is cold and misery and death.

What can you spare that they can spare? Everything is needed for every age. Look through your closets and shelves, dig into your stored-away things. Can you spare winter clothes, summer clothes, children's or infants garments? Have you a blanket or quilt to spare... or a sweater, or worn coat? And if you can possibly spare shoes, tie them tightly together with string so the mates won't get lost. Each pair will be a godsend.

The need is desperate and the need is NOW.

### OPA GRANTS PRICE INCREASE FOR COAL

The OPA in Washington announced over the week end the first general price increase for the coal industry—a 10 cent per ton boost on coal, coke or other solid fuels delivered to the premises of purchasers.

The increase, effective January 2, through April 30, 1946, was granted to compensate dealers for higher operating costs. It applies only to fuel delivered to a purchaser, and cannot be charged to resellers or for FOB sales.

While various area increases previously were granted it was the first time OPA has permitted an increase on an industry-wide basis.

### RATIONING AT DISTRICT OFFICES

Consumers, industrial and institutional users of sugar in North Carolina will apply to the OPA District Office in Raleigh for their allotments. Theodore S. Johnson, District Director has announced.

Likewise, replacement of ration books, and new books for babies and returning veterans will be made by the District Office. Applicants may either write or call in person for such blanks at the District Office.

Although Price Control Boards will no longer issue any ration books or rationed commodities, a few application blanks will be placed at each board for the convenience of consumers, Johnson added.

### FAISON SOLDIER ON ESCORT USS WARE

Bedford Jackson, machinist's mate, 1c, USN, of Rt. 1, Faison, is serving on the 2,200 ton destroyer WARE, which is escorting the giant aircraft carrier USS MIDWAY on her shakedown cruise in the Caribbean area.

### AUTO LICENSES ARE VALID IN JANUARY

Motor Vehicles Commissioner T. B. Ward told motorists last week that their 1945 license plates are valid until midnight Jan. 31 under an amended state law. However, he urged owners to purchase new plates as early as possible before the deadline to avoid the rush during the few days before expiration date.

### WARSAW SOLDIER GETS PROMOTION

Willard C. Hill, son of Mr. Charles C. Hill, Rt. 2, Warsaw, has been promoted to technician 5th grade in recognition of proven ability in his work with a field artillery battalion.

Cpl. Hill is a member of the 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division which is now occupying Amori Prefecture, Northern Honshu.

## Dr. Gooding Building In Kenansville Guttured; Fire

Health Department Offices Destroyed; Warsaw Fire Department saves building structure and adjoining buildings.

The office building of Dr. G. V. Gooding in Kenansville was gutted by fire early Thursday morning when flames broke out in the wall under the stairway.

A carload of laborers on their way to Jacksonville discovered the fire about 5:15 and gave the alarm. The Warsaw Fire Department was called and was at the scene of the fire in a very few minutes. At the time of and before the truck arrived the building was boiling over with smoke and it was impossible for the firemen to enter. Ladders were strung up to the second story windows and water poured into the building from there. The fire seemed to be concentrated on the second floor. With the aid of volunteers in Kenansville, the Warsaw Fire Department brought the fire under control in about 45 minutes.

For a time it appeared the fire would get away and engulf the entire business section of the town. But for the fireproof walls and metal roof, the building would have been consumed before the fire truck arrived.

The inside, both lower and upper floor, were practically destroyed. The second floor housed the County Health Department. All records and equipment of the Health Department were destroyed. Dr. Gooding lost all equipment but managed to save his records. Paty's Beauty Shoppe, which also occupied part of the lower floor, was damaged but equipment was saved.

The building was insured by the M. F. Allen Insurance Agency of Kenansville.

The whole town is grateful to the Warsaw Fire Department for their quick response and splendid work.

### Returned Service Man Breaks Leg In Warsaw

Robert Taylor, returned service man of Bowden, fell and broke a leg Wednesday morning while playing on the Warsaw High School grounds. Taylor was a paratrooper and suffered a broken and shot-up leg while in France.

He was rushed to the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. He was resuming school work and was in the tenth grade. Principal Harmon stated it was purely an accident.

### Deputies Capture 3 Men At Still

Deputies Gurman Powell and Murray Byrd captured two white men and one Negro at a still near Faison Monday. The men were Dick Newsum and Ernest Poythress and the Negro was named Blue.

### Kenansville Methodist Church Services

SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 1946

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. John M. Cline. Your are cordially invited.

### Outlaw's Bridge Church Evening Service

Service will be held at the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church Sunday evening, January 6 at 7:30. Rev. Gustav H. Ulrich will preach. Sermon, "What Does the New Year Promise."

### Seaman Frank Knowles Receives His Discharge

Franklin Leo Knowles, S 1c, USNR, 19, of Rose Hill, was discharged from the Naval Service after serving aboard the BOSTWICK, a destroyer escort, ever since she was commissioned on Dec. 1st, 1943.

Knowles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knowles of Rose Hill.

### WOODROW TAYLOR IS NEW PRINCIPAL HERE

Mr. Woodrow Taylor, a veteran of World War II, became principal of the Kenansville School January 1st. He succeeds Ralph Carlton, recently resigned. Mr. Taylor taught in the local school for a number of years prior to entering service.

### DUPLIN COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 1282 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County from the crop of 1945 prior to Dec. 13, as compared with 5049 bales for the crop of 1944.

### ROSE HILL SOLDIER ON WAY HOME

Pfc. Lewis T. Fennell, of Rose Hill, is on his way home. He is one of the 3,000 high-point veterans returning on the USS WINDSOR.



Miami Beach, Fla. - Three and one-half years a prisoner of the Japs, Cpl. Norman Williams, of Beulaville, gets back into golfing stride under the tutoring of Vic Ghezzi, one of the nation's top pros. Here for a two week holiday with his parents, he is one of the 1500 AAF personnel recently released from Japanese prison camps who are coming to this resort as honored guest of the Army Air Forces during the winter season.

## SCOOP

This is not for publication. It is being rumored that Coroner Ralph Jones of Warsaw will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Duplin County this spring. The Times contacted Mr. Jones Wednesday and asked him about the matter. Coroner Jones said he was not yet ready to make his announcement but definitely he was going to run.

## Aged Man Killed When Alighting From A Bus In Town Of Faison

John David Jones, of Faison Rt. 2, was instantly killed Monday evening when struck by an automobile while alighting from a bus in Faison.

According to information he stepped off the bus and walked directly in front of an oncoming car. A coroner's investigation ruled the accident unavoidable.

Driver of the car was Floyd Taylor Sutton of near Mt. Olive, soldier at home on furlough. He and his brother were in the car. The bus driver was B. H. Hastings.

Funeral services were conducted from the Overby Funeral Home in Smithfield Wednesday at 2 p. m., by Elder Shepard Stephenson. Burial was in the Barbour's Chapel Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Janie Jones; four daughters, Ella Jones of the home, Mrs. John Lawhon of Wilmington, Mrs. Dave Joyner of Tarboro and Mrs. Henry Fields of Faison; and three brothers, D. I. of Rt. 1, Selma, L. H., of Petersburg, Va., and S. M. Jones of Raleigh.

### Warsaw Service Men In The News

W. P. Creech, S 1c, is spending

## Two Duplinites Honored By The N. C. Tuberculosis Association

### DOGWOOD WEEK FOR JAN. 27

Governor Cherry called attention over the week end to the observance of dogwood week in all of North Carolina beginning January 27, and the occasion should create interest in the need for more trees to aid in soil conservation.

### MAGNOLIA SOLDIER ON WAY HOME

T/5 Jesse B. Dafford, husband of Mrs. E. Dafford of Magnolia, is on his way home on the USS WINDSOR. He will go directly to the Separation Center nearest his home to complete the formalities of obtaining his discharge before returning to civilian life.

## Listing 1946 Taxes Begins In County

### Mule Dealer Goes To Tennessee

J. J. Barden, Jr. horse and mule dealer of Warsaw, left Wednesday for Tennessee to buy a shipment of young horses and mules. He will return next week.

### 5 Weeks Court Is Scheduled For Duplin

Clerk of Court R. V. Wells announced this week that Duplin will have five straight weeks of court beginning Monday, January 7th. The first two weeks will be civil terms, presided over by Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw. The third week will be county court presided over by Judge Phillips and the following two weeks will be superior court with Judge Stevens presiding.

Listing of 1946 County taxes began Tuesday, January 1.

All property, real and personal, subject to taxation, shall be listed for tax purposes during the month of January.

It is the duty of every person owning property, real or personal, to list it for taxation.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years shall list poll tax even though they do not own or have in their possession any taxable real or personal property to list.

All dogs shall be listed by the owner or the person having them in charge.

All livestock, motor vehicles, refrigerators, appliances, tractors, etc., shall be listed for taxation whether paid for in full or not.

The intent and purpose of our tax laws is to have all property and subjects of taxation assessed at their true and actual value in money, in such manner as such property and subjects are usually sold, but not by forced sale thereof.

It has been declared to be the policy of this State so to use its system of real estate taxation as to encourage the conservation of natural resources and the beautification of homes and roadsides. Look for your Township List Taker's advertised dates, and see him early in January and list your County Taxes. There will be no extension of the listing period.

Farmers are urged to be prepared to give Farm Census Information. Most of the information asked for will be acreages planted in 1945.

### TOMMY GRESHAM GETS DISCHARGED

Lt. Cmdr. John Thomas Gresham, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gresham, Sr., of Warsaw, was among the officers released to inactive duty at the Charleston Naval Separation Center.

Lt. Cmdr. Gresham entered the Navy in May, 1942, and saw service in oth Atlantic and Pacific waters. He participated in the occupation of Japan as a member of Amphibious Group 8 of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. He wears the American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippine Liberation, and Victory ribbons.

He plans to resume his practice of law after returning to civilian life.

### NEW FEATURE FOR THE TIMES

Beginning in this issue is a new feature entitled "From So. rata" by Jake. The writer will remain in the background, however, he is a Duplin County man, and fully qualified to write such a column.

In commenting on his first column the writer said, "I expect to have considerable local interest comments from time to time and generally carry serious and light comments of things past and present."

If the column proves interesting to you readers the Times and the columnist would appreciate your letting us know it.

Raleigh, N. C. Box 468 Dial 8326 December 19, 1945

Mr. J. R. Grady Duplin Times Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Grady: At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, it was voted to send a special letter of appreciation from the Executive Committee to Seal Sale Chairmen throughout the State who have conducted the Seal Sale in their communities for ten years or more. There were 23 of these men and women. Two of them are Mrs. Beatrice R. Hill, who has served as Seal Sale Chairman for Faison for sixteen years, and Mrs. Mamie L. Turner, who has conducted the Sale among the colored people of Duplin County for twenty-two years.

Believing that this gesture of appreciation would be of interest to you and your readers, we are enclosing copies of the letters that were sent Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Turner from the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Frank W. Webster, Executive Secty. The letters as sent to Mesdames Hill and Turner: December 12, 1945

Mrs. Beatrice R. Hill Faison, North Carolina Dear Mrs. Hill:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, I wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for the devoted service you have given this Association by your conduct of the annual Christmas Seal Sale in your community.

Having accepted this responsibility in 1930, you are in 1945 handling the Christmas Seal Sale in Faison for the sixteenth year.

I realize the vast amount of work this period of service represents, not only in conducting the Seal Sale but also in spending the money given in this way by the people of your community to fight tuberculosis. I feel sure that these citizens, no less than members of this Association, appreciate your civic-minded endeavor.

The conception of the founders of the National Tuberculosis Association that doctors and laymen could work side by side in the fight against tuberculosis was both original and sound. The fruits of that cooperation are evident in better knowledge of the disease on the part of the public and in a dramatically lowered death rate from tuberculosis. In this struggle against disease, you are taking a significant part.

Please accept our congratulations, our gratitude, and our best wishes to you.

Cordially yours, David T. Smith, M. D. President

December 12, 1945 Mrs. Mamie L. Turner Warsaw, North Carolina Dear Mrs. Turner:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, I wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for the devoted service you have given this Association by your conduct of the annual Christmas Seal Sale in your community.

Having accepted this responsibility in 1924, you are now in 1945 serving as Chairman for the Christmas Seal Sale among the colored people of Duplin County for the twenty-second year.

I realize the vast amount of work this period of service represents. I feel sure that the citizens of your county who contribute each year to the Seal Sale, no less than members of this Association, appreciate greatly your civic-minded endeavor.

The conception of the founders (CONTINUED ON BACK)

## Magnolia Resident Killed By Step Father At Mountain Home Near Mt. Airy

Gurney Moseley, age 41, was instantly killed by his step-father at the latter's home in a mountain abode near Mt. Airy Monday night while a 91 year old sick man lay on his bed and watched.

According to reports reaching here Moseley was on a visit to the mountain home and the family was gathered around the bed of the sick 91 year old member, an

argument ensued. Moseley was standing at the foot of the sick man's bed when his step-father, whose name we haven't learned, took a breech loader gun, pointing it at Gurney and fired the load directly into his left side, just below the heart. Moseley fell instantly dead.

Officers were called and upon arrival the step-father admitted

he fired the shot and said he intended to kill him. He was immediately placed in jail.

Moseley was buried in Magnolia yesterday afternoon. He was a native of the Mt. Airy section but had married a daughter of Chaney Drew of Magnolia and was living there.