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Victory Clothing Collection Enters Final Stage In County

The citizens of Warsaw Township have only a few more days to help the needy people of the stricken countries of the Philippines, the Far East, and Europe...

A good many things are brought to the Town many more are needed. plenty of room.

The boys and girls of the school are cooperating through the leadership of Supt. Pat Harmon, Scout Master, Arthur Wheelless, and the Boy Scouts will help during the closing days of the collection.

Any family having old clothes, shoes, or bedding, without means of getting them to town, please notify a member of the committee who are: G. Van Stephens, Hopton Smith, Jimmie Kitchin, and Arthur Wheelless.

Try to spare the suit, and needy may wear. Be sure to act before it is too late. January 31 is the last day.

"Romance of a Century" Shown Three Times In Eastern Association

Beulaville, Clinton, and Warsaw Baptist Churches of the Eastern Association, together with representatives of other Baptist Churches had the pleasure of seeing something of the progress of Southern Baptists during the century, 1845-1945, as portrayed in the picture, "The Romance of a Century," which was shown in each of these churches during the past week.

The picture was shown by Mr. J. E. Morgan of Clinton, and was sponsored by the Baptist Training Union of the Eastern Association. The growth of Southern Baptists in missions, education, hospitals, orphanages, as well as the numerical, and financial growth was shown in the picture. The singing of some of the great Christian hymns added much to the sound effect.

GASOLINE PRICES ARE REDUCED

A general reduction in wholesale prices of gasoline in the states of N. C., S. C., and parts of Tenn., W. Va., and Va., was announced by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, effective as of Jan. 23. The reduction varies with localities ranging up to 1 1/4 cents per gallon depending on method of supply and distance from supply points.

Reductions in Kerosene and Heating Oil to wholesalers will be made in the near future.

W. J. Middleton, Jr. Receives Discharge

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FROM SORATA - By Jake -

Mr. Paul A. Reid, Controller of the State Board of Education, says that the thing most urgently needed in North Carolina now is the consolidation of small schools. From Sorata this looks like a very broad assertion. Consolidation in a number of instances certainly is urgently needed to better serve many children in our State.

Other than consolidation of schools in certain instances, there are two other things which North Carolina needs to better educate its children. These things are: adequate supervision and proper attention to and enforcement of the compulsory attendance laws of the State. Every county in the State should have at least one full time supervisor of instruction. It would be better of course to have a supervisor for elementary schools and one for high schools but definitely one is needed for the elementary schools.

If the facts and figures were compiled, possibly they are, regarding poor attendance and its relationship to retardation, in the primary grades especially, it is believed that a very high percentage of the cause of retardation would show to be that of poor attendance. The employment of a full-time adequately paid probation officer is the only means of improving this situation. His salary would be more than paid by the saving realized in not having to teach so many children two or more years in the same grade.

Eddie: "It's tough to pay 50 cents a pound for meat." Freddie: "It's tougher when you pay only 20 cents."

Uncle Dick says: Falsehood may have its hour, but it has no future. Susie: "John, I found a letter in your pocket this morning that I gave to you a month ago to mail."

John: "Yes, dear, I recall it. I took that coat off for you to sew a button on, and I'm still waiting."

The Nation is now in the midst of its "March of Dimes" campaign. During the eight years of its organization the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has disbursed more than seven million dollars for research and education and almost two million for emergency aid in epidemics. One half of all the money contributed to the March of Dimes remains in the county where it was contributed.

More than nine thousand men, women, and children in the U. S. were victims of infantile paralysis in the first nine months of 1945, the National Foundation reported. There were 27,363 cases in 1916, the largest number ever reported in one year. The next highest figure was in 1944 when 10,053 cases

Editorial

There has been apprehension among some Duplinites that we are left out in the cold as far as road improvements are concerned. The Board of County Commissioners is being flooded with petitions for the new road and road improvement bills.

It is to be hoped that the Board will not approve or disapprove a bill until it has been properly and thoroughly considered.

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Duplin is going to get its share of road work. Governor Cherry is lending all his influence to the improvement of dirt roads but it cannot be done until sufficient machinery and labor are available. - J. R. Grady.



Mr. Paul A. Reid, Controller of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Reid is correct in his statement; he backs it up with forceful facts. In a great many cases, however, elementary schools of more than three teachers can serve the children well if they are given proper facilities, equipment, and support.

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Drivers Take Lives Of Five Persons In The County Since Christmas

Judge Stevens Ask Public Opinion Against Speed Of Times

Kenansville Methodist Church

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Deaths, Accidents and Careless Driving: Presiding over Court in Kinston; Addresses Grand Jury.

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Young Girl and Returned Vet Killed in Accident in Wallace Tuesday Night; Third Suffers Crushed Leg; Car Rams into Rear of Moving Bus

Increasing the death toll in Duplin to five since Christmas, a 1937 Ford V8 ramed into the rear of a shipyard bus on the outskirts of Wallace about seven o'clock Tuesday night and fatally injured the driver, his girl companion and crushed the left leg of another occupant in the rear seat.

According to officers and others the car was going South, at what apparently was a very high rate of speed. A bus, used to haul workers from Wallace to the Shipyards in Wilmington, was also headed South. The bus was moving at a slow or moderate rate of speed. The Ford crashed into the rear, literally driving itself under the bus. It was stated that the radiator, hood and panel of the Ford were pushed back to within six inches of the front seat. The occupants were pinned in so tight it took some time to get them out.

The owner and driver of the car was Ernest Hatcher, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hatcher of Wallace. Hatcher died in a doctor's office in Wallace. His head was reported crushed. Hatcher probably never knew what happened. He was a returned veteran.

Miss Macy Wood, 16, companion of Hatcher, was reported to have suffered a broken neck. She was rushed to a Wilmington hospital where she died three hours after arrival. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wood of Tenches.

Other occupants of the car were James Southerland of Wallace, who suffered a crushed left leg, and Miss Lucile Mobley, 17, of near Wallace who escaped with nothing more than shock.

Driver of the bus was Matthew Ingram, Negro of Willard. He escaped without serious injuries. The bus was not loaded.

It was reported that the Ford hit the bus with such force that the bus was carried 25 feet. The rear end swung around and snipped off a light pole while the front end remained on the highway. Rear and front light of the bus were still burning when it came to a stop.

Coroner Ralph Jones states an inquest will be held Monday.

OTHER DEATHS On December 31st, John David Jones, aged resident of near Faison was instantly killed when he stepped from a bus in front of an automobile in Faison.

Two wrecks in the county on January 12th took two more lives. Young Cecil Jones Sandlin, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sandlin of Beulaville, was fatally injured when the car in which he was riding crashed with one driver by Morris Grady. Hubert Brown, occupant of the Sandlin car, is still in a Kinston hospital. Reports said yesterday he is not expected to live.

On the same day Captain Lowell N. Douglas, army officer traveling from Wilmington to some camp up North, was fatally injured in a wreck in Bowden.

SERVICES SUNDAY

The Rev. W. E. Howard, pastor, has announced that there will be services Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the La Place community building for members of Rones Chapel Methodist Church. All members are urged to be present.

Parents of Two-Headed Baby



BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND - Joseph and Mrs. Gladys Govro who were the parents of a two-headed baby are shown above. The baby was born to Mrs. Govro in England and died a few hours later. Mrs. Govro is the British wife of an American veteran. She plans to come to the U.S. in a few months to live with her husband on a farm near Festus, Mo.

New Officers Named

By B. F. Grady Club

The Home Demonstration Club held its first meeting of the year at the High School, with Mrs. Roland Smith as hostess. The new officers: Pres. Mrs. Willard Westbrook; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Jerry Smith; and Secy. Miss Viola Westbrook.

Year books were filled out, and it was decided to hold the meetings in the various homes during this year instead of at the school. The home agent, Miss Clontz, gave a demonstration on how to make Baked Creamy Omelet, and distributed leaflets on Foods Rich in Iron.

Gifts were presented to the outgoing officers.

A chicken salad plate was served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Willard Westbrook.

ANNOUNCE CONTRACT LETTING FOR WARSAW FROZEN LOCKER PLANT

Deems H. Clifton, of Clinton, stated to the Times Thursday night that contracts for construction of building and installation of equipment were let in Raleigh on January 9th. Barrett-Hipp Company will construct the building and Southern Frozen Foods Company will install the equipment.

Construction on the Bowden lot across the street from A. J. Jenkins warehouse, will get under way about February 1st and the locker is expected to be completed by May 1st.

Beulaville Seaman Now In Pacific

Larry C. Hinson, fireman, 1 1/2, of Beulaville, is serving on the USS ATR 77 in the Pacific.

The ATR 77 is a rescue tug

WHAT CAN YOU SPARE THAT THEY CAN WEAR? JAN 7-31 VICTORY CLOTHING COLLECTION for Overseas Relief