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## DUPLIN WILL GET 30 MILES OF PAVED ROADS THIS YEAR

### Highway Commissioner Meets With Board Commissioners; Project Approved

Farm to Market Roads Construction Gets Underway Shortly; Hill Street and Cemetery Street in Warsaw to be Paved this Summer; Bridger says he is going to take care of Duplin; Program Calls for a Total of 60 Miles to be Paved in Next Two Years.

State Highway Commissioner, J. A. Bridger, of Bladenboro, and District Engineer, T. T. Betts of Fayetteville, met here with the Board of County Commissioners last Friday and approved a schedule of surfacing 60.1 miles of farm-to-market roads in this county during the next two years. Dr. G. V. Gooding met with the group and it was decided to follow the schedule he and the board of commissioners worked out while he was highway commissioner.

Actual construction is expected to begin in about two weeks or as soon as the weather clears. Rock and gravel for the Reeves Store to Summerlin's Crossroads is already being delivered.

The roads will be of rock and asphalt construction. Work will be done by the State. This work is in line with Governor Cherry's program to improve farm-to-market roads just as quickly as possible.

Work on highway 111, which is expected to get underway in a few months will have to wait until a contract is let. That road and some others in the county come under the State road group, for which a separate fund is set up. Widening of the highway from Kenansville to the Onslow County line also will have to wait a contract. This road is a Federal project and federal funds are set up for this.

The editor of the Times talked with Commissioner Bridger last night and he stated that he was going to do everything he could for Duplin County. He asked that our people not visit him too much about road problems, saying that he was going to be guided wholly by the recommendations of the board of county commissioners.

Engineer Betts stated that Duplin had more miles of roads ready for surfacing than any county in the district and during 1946 would get more miles surfaced than any county in the district.

In the meantime work is going forward preparing other farm-to-market roads for surfacing.

Of the 30 miles to be surfaced this year it is broken down as follows:

1. Reeves Store to Summerlin's Cross Roads, 7 miles.
2. Kenansville-Chinquapin road 3 miles.
3. From No. 11 Toward Sarecta 3.2 miles.
4. Warsaw-Ward's Bridge road 3.1 miles.
5. Rose Hill to Snyder Carr's Store 3.2 miles.
6. Calypso. Beutancus road 2.1 miles.
7. Hill Street in Warsaw .5 mile.
8. From No. 11 Towards Scott's Store .8 mile.
9. Magnolia to No. 11 3.9 miles.
10. Chinquapin road, end of road referred to in paragraph No. 2, to Paisley Rouse's 3.8 miles.
11. End of road in paragraph 5 to Snyder Carr's 2.4 miles.
12. Betty Kornegay's to Summerlin's Cross Roads 6.7 miles.
13. End of paragraph 3 to Cabin 4.7 miles.
14. End of paragraph 4 to Solon

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#### John B. Hall Gets

##### Honorable Discharge

John B. Hall, torpedoman 1/c, received his honorable discharge from the Navy yesterday. He is

### County Coroner Ralph J. Jones Announces For Sheriff

Candidate is Veteran of World War One and Prominent Warsaw Fertilizer Dealer; Received Purple Heart and Personal Citation from late President Wilson for Gallantry in action.

Ralph Jones, the very efficient Coroner of Duplin County for the past eight years, has announced that he will seek the office of Sheriff of Duplin County at the Primary to be held in May and he sincerely asks the support of every citizen.

Mr. Jones is a veteran of World War I, and was a battle soldier and participated in many major battles in Belgium and France. He was a first class gunner in the 119th Machine Gun Company of the 30th, Old Hickory Division. He saw one year of active service overseas and on September 29th, 1918, was engaged in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line, which was the decisive battle of the war, he was gassed and wounded in action, having received a shrapnel wound in his knee. It was at this same time, in the heat of battle that his friend from Wolfesboro Township, Adrian Grantham, who volunteered with him into service, was killed.

Mr. Jones was awarded from the U. S. War Department, the Purple Heart and the Victory Medal with three clasps, and he received a personal citation from the late President Woodrow Wilson for bravery and gallantry in battle. After his discharge he spent one year in a veteran's hospital to regain his health and entered N. C. State College for a two year course.

At the beginning of World War II, he became especially interested in Civilian Defense work and was appointed District Supervisor of the Ground Observation Posts of southern Duplin County and he did much in the erection of Observation Posts throughout the county.

When War Rationing came into effect Mr. Jones was called upon to serve on this board, and he gave untiringly and unstintingly of his time without pay, and he rendered a great service to Duplin County in its time of need. He was appointed Chairman of the Duplin County Rationing Board and he worked with rationing from its beginning until the end.

Mr. Jones served as adjutant of the Charles R. Gavin Post of the American Legion for a period of five years, and he has been elected Commander of his Post for two different terms, which office he now holds. He has also served as Service Officer for the Post and has rendered much service to both white and colored veterans.

Not only has Mr. Ralph J. Jones given his time and himself without reserve, he has also furnished a son, Sgt. Sam R. Jones who has served overseas for two and a half years during the worst years of World War II. He fought with the Second Armored Division, known as "Hell on Wheels" and he was recently discharged.

His many friends urge you to support and vote for Ralph J. Jones for Sheriff of Duplin County, and that he be permitted to serve you in peace as well as in War.

the son of Mrs. L. J. Whaley of Kenansville. John entered the Navy Dec. 11, 1942 and served a total of 3 years and 8 months, of this 30 months were spent in overseas duty.



RALPH J. JONES

### COUNTY BRIEFS

The State Department of Rehabilitation has been able to aid several young men who have been disabled because of accidents in this county.

Mrs. Hazel Baker Lewis is now working in the Welfare Office as Mrs. Frank Fonville has resigned. Mrs. Inez Boney was guest speaker Friday night at the Wallace Womens Club. She spoke on Welfare work in Duplin County.

The PTA were instrumental in sending a school girl to Duke Hospital Wednesday. The expenses of the trip will be borne by the Crippled Seal Fund.

Dr. Gustav Ulrich will address the Rose Hill Woman's Club on Wednesday, Feb. 20th.

Miss Katherine M. Olson, special field representative for the Southeastern Area, visited the Red Cross office in Kenansville on Wednesday.

Rev. J. G. Morrison attended the Interdenominational Conference held in Durham on Monday and Tuesday.

Attends Lodge in Miami  
Eure Johnson, prominent painter of Kenansville, has recently returned from Miami, Fla., where he spent several weeks with his brother, A. H. Johnson. Mr. Johnson spends part of each winter in Miami. He says he had a wonderful trip and had the pleasure of visiting the Masonic Lodge in Miami twice. On one visit he witnessed the conferring of the 2nd and 3rd degrees. He said they served suppers at their meetings just as does St. Johns in Kenansville.

#### Annual Scout Dinner

Scheduled Feb. 19th

In Goldsboro

The annual Tuscarora Council of Boy Scouts, dinner will be held in the Hotel Goldsboro next Tuesday evening, Feb. 19th. Dr. Herman L. Turner, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker.

The meeting is restricted to adults only and reservations must be made by the 16th.

#### Magnolia Student

Cast in Play

Miss Francelle Barden of Magnolia will be a member of the cast of Lawrence Riley's "Personal Appearance" when it is presented by the senior class of ECTC at two performances on March 5-6. She was chosen by the director and a special committee of advisors from the faculty.

### Editorial

#### DUPLIN ROADS

—BY J. R. GRADY—  
Last Friday afternoon State Highway Commissioner J. A. Bridger and the district Engineer, T. T. Betts met with the Duplin County Board of Commissioners to discuss and make plans for future farm-to-market roads for this county. Dr. G. V. Gooding met with them. The group took up the program Dr. Gooding had worked out during his tenure as Commissioner and it was agreed upon. Mr. Betts stated that more roads in Duplin had been prepared for hard surfacing than in any county in the district.

Last night the writer talked with Mr. Bridger and the Commissioner stated that he was going to do all he could for Duplin. He further added that he was going to be guided in his actions by recommendations of our board of county commissioners. He asked me to urge the people to be patient with him.

In deciding upon what roads would come first the group took into consideration every section of the county. Once a road is commenced it will eventually be finished. It is impossible at the present to start work on one road and carry it to completion without neglecting some other section. It appears that the group took an overall survey of the road needs and is launching a program that will eventually result in more paved roads in this county than any of us ever hoped for.

Work is to commence just as soon as the winter weather lets up. It is hoped that it will start in the next three or four weeks.

The farm-to-market roads have nothing to do with the state and federal roads. There is set up in the road funds, farm-to-market, state road, and federal roads. The meeting Friday had only to do with the farm-to-market roads.

### Here's Another Way To Save Space

Another way to save space and paper is suggested by this editorial from the Dallas News:

"Mch hs bn wrtn abt rfrmed spiling as a savr of spc. Posbly tht wld b a gd pln. Bt it wld b a btr pln if it wr carrd frthr. If a systm of abbrvtns wr adptd, as mch as 40 pct of spc cld b savd. It wdnt b so hrd as u mght think. U cn read ths, cn't u?"

#### Home On Furlough

Pvt. Thomas L. Wallace is spending a 15-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Garland Wallace of Seven Springs, Rt. 1. Pvt. Wallace is stationed at Camp Plauche, in New Orleans, La.

### Young People To Hold Crusade For Christ Rallies

The Methodist young people of this community and county are joining in one of the Crusades for Christ Rallies to be held in Wilmington District during the week of February 18. The three Rallies to be held in the Wilmington District are to be at the Whiteville Methodist Church on Monday, February 18, at Clinton on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and at Trinity Church in Wilmington on Thursday, Feb. 21. The Intermediates and Seniors, together with their pastors and adult leaders, will meet at 5 p. m. All delegations will bring a box

### G. H. Ulrich Again To Lead 1946 Red Cross Drive; County Quota Set

#### SGT. SAM R. JONES RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Sgt. Sam R. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones of Warsaw, received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on February 2, 1946, at Fort Bragg, N. C. He served with the Army for three years, two and one-half years being spent in the European Theater of war. He served with the 9th Army Air Corps until the urgent call for help at the time of the Belgium Bulge came from the 2nd Armored Division when he volunteered and fought with that Tank Division, known as "Hell on Wheels."

Young Jones experienced the horrors and awfulness of war and tasted the thrill of final Victory as he rode into Berlin on his tank and stood Honor Guard for the Big Three Meeting held there last summer. He fought over the same territory that his father fought as a machine gunner in World War I, and he saw the complete defeat of Germany, the reward that his father was denied. He says all the small towns and cities were completely demolished and the people live in the ruins propping boards over their heads in any way they can. He saw hunger, cold and disease rampant and it seems to him that it will take 100 years to get themselves together and he thinks Germany will never be able to start another war.

Sgt. Jones attended Hull University at Hull, England for ten weeks study and he plans to enroll at Wake Forest College in June and continue his work there as a student of medicine.

#### GETS DISCHARGE

Tech. Sgt., 4/c, Julius R. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette J. Dixon, of Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, has been given his discharge from the Army Medical Corps at Camp Fannin, Texas, January 31, 1946, after 40 months of service.

#### GETS DISCHARGE

Joseph Grady, Platoon Sergeant, U. S. M. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anson A. Grady, of Rt. 2, Warsaw, received a Medical Discharge at the Marine Redistribution Center at Portsmouth, Va., on December 22, 1945.

He served 61 months in the Caribbean and Pacific Theaters, receiving the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Okinawa campaign May 29, 1945.

#### FEB. 15 IS DEADLINE ON FILING OF REPORT

Attention of farmers has been called to the fact that February 15 is the final date for making reports on 1942 soil-building practices.

Anyone failing to make his report by that time will lose any payment due on the 1945 program. All are urged to turn in their report to the AAA Office at once.

#### FROM SORATA

—By Jake—

February: The month of February is with us. It is a short month, usually with varied winter weather. Of course it brings ground hog day, Lincoln's birthday, St. Valentine's Day, and George Washington's birthday. These are the more prominent events which stand out in the minds of most people as being part of our lives in February. Here are a few other important dates of February. How many do you remember?

On February 3, 1917 the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany; February 3, 1924 Woodrow Wilson died in Washington, D. C.; February 11, 1847 Thomas A. Edison, scientist and inventor, was born at Milan, Ohio; February 14, 1849 Oregon was admitted to the Union; February 15, 1898 the United States "Maine" was blown up by a mine in the harbor of Havana, Cuba; February 18, 1862 Jefferson Davis was inaugurated president of the Southern Confederacy; February 19, 1878 Thomas A. Edison's phonograph was patented; February 23, 1848 John Q. Adams died in Washington, D. C. These are not all, but enough to show us that many outstanding events in the history of our country took place in February.

Next Friday, February 22nd is Washington's birthday. It would be interesting to know how many people in Duplin County have the same birthdate as the Father of our country. If there is such a person in this county, won't you drop a card to Sorata in care of the Duplin Times, Kenansville, N. C., and give us your name and state that February 22nd is your birthday. No, you need not give your age. We shall be glad to honor your birthday, however, by printing your name in this column. Would you mind calling this to the attention of your neighbor in the event he may have this birthdate, but for some unfortunate reason fails to get a copy of your favorite county paper.

Rev. G. H. Ulrich, pastor of the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church is again leading Duplin County in the annual Red Cross campaign. A county wide meeting was held last week in Kenansville to map out plans for the Red Cross drive. The quota this year has been cut over recent war years, but the need for Red Cross activities continues to be great throughout the world. Rev. Ulrich and his voluntary group of workers throughout Duplin are continuing their splendid efforts of past years to bring our county up to its proper place in this great humanitarian work. The success of the county chairman and each community chairman will depend upon the degree of cooperation that is given by individuals and business places. The job is one that each citizen should accept as his own. Not every one can solicit funds, but every one can be ready to make his contribution when the solicitor calls and to that extent make the work easier and more pleasant. Let's all join wholeheartedly into this task and give generously and immediately so that we can finish the job quickly and proudly in Duplin County.

Waiting is no fun: A lady from Rose Hill needed some repair work done at her house. Since she was employed elsewhere during the day the repairman went to see her at her place of employment. They made an agreement that they would meet at an appointed time

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#### At \$8,925; \$5,000 Less Than 1945; Community Quotas Given.

The organizing meeting for the Red Cross Fund Campaign for 1946 in Duplin County was held in the Courthouse Friday afternoon of February 8.

Dr. Gustav H. Ulrich of Outlaw's Bridge, Vice Chairman of the Duplin County Chapter and Chairman of the 1946 Fund Campaign presided at the meeting.

Representatives of most of the thirteen districts into which the county is divided for the purpose of the campaign were present.

The County minimum quota of \$8,925 was "broken down" for the 13 districts as follows: Beulaville, \$800; B. F. Grady, \$475; Calypso, \$650; Chinquapin, \$375; Faison, \$700; Kenansville, \$850; Magnolia, \$300; Outlaw's Bridge, \$100; Pottery Hill, \$75; Rose Hill, \$1000; Teachee, \$100; Wallace, \$2000; and Warsaw, \$1600.

Duplin County is asked to raise a minimum of \$8,925 for the 1946 Red Cross Fund. In 1945 Duplin County gave over \$14,000. The committee and the officers of the Duplin County Chapter are confident that the citizens of our county in their various districts will wholeheartedly support the drive and insure the County's victorious conclusion of this campaign.

Sunday, February 24 has been designated Red Cross Sunday in Duplin County and the campaign will commence on that date. It is the Committee's hope that we will have reached the County Goal by March 9th.

#### Beulaville Raises \$167.25

##### In March of Dimes Drive

As Chairman of the "March of Dimes" for Infantile Paralysis in Beulaville, I wish to thank each one who assisted in any way in making the canvass of the town and surrounding community To the Woodmen of the World, Schools, Sunday Schools and to every individual contributor, I take this means of expressing appreciation. Contributions were as follows:

The following are all of Beulaville: Baptist S. S., \$25.00; Free-will Baptist S. S., \$12.00; Holiness S. S., \$10.00; Presbyterian S. S., \$5.00; Woodmen of the World, \$15.10; School, \$33.19; Miscellaneous Contributions, \$66.96; Total \$167.25.

In addition to the above amount a number of contributions went through the Model Theatre Drive which amounted to \$95.00, making a grand total of \$262.25 for this community.

Again let me say "Thank You" for your cooperation.

Mrs. Murphy M. Thigpen.

#### American Red Cross Gives Report

Home Service Report for January, 1946:

Case volume: Army 121, Navy 42, Ex. Service 43, Civilian 4, Total 210. (Last month our case load was 177 and in November it reached its peak of the past year, 329). The general average case load per month has jumped since May from 150 to 175 or more. Services rendered have been chiefly Inquiries and Messages, Furlough and Extension verifications, Consultation and Guidance regarding Dependency Discharge in addition to health and welfare reports, Assistance with Government Benefits and Financial Assistance.

\$277.50 was loaned out during the month of Jan. as follows:

\$250.00 to Army personnel and dependents, \$15.50 to Navy and \$12.00 to a Veteran who was waiting on his pension check. Two of these cases were for colored families who were loaned \$62.00 of the above amount given.

## 1946 Red Cross Drive Starts Sunday February, 24th.