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County Politics Warming Up Lanier Announces Against Lanier

For Commissioner; Lewis Outlaw says he will announce next week against Quinn; Rackley may come down for Coroner.

Duplin politics is expected to move into high gear in the next few days as the deadline for filing for county offices approaches. April 13th is the last day a candidate can file.

To date the picture shows up as follows:

Ralph Jones of Warsaw and Joe Wallace of Kenansville are burning the sticks for the office of sheriff.

C. E. Quinn has announced for reelection to the House of Representatives. Lewis Outlaw of Outlaw's Bridge authorized the Times yesterday to state that he would announce next week in opposition to Mr. Quinn.

C. B. Sitterson has announced for County Coroner as had J. A. Rackley of Warsaw. Mr. Rackley, however, has withdrawn his advertising and it is not known whether he will definitely file.

In the Commissioners race only one of the five have any opposition so far. Tyson Lanier of Limestone is opposed by his cousin, Archie Lanier of Beulaville, who announced last week. Observers say there is little likelihood that A. C. Hall, Arthur Whitfield or Preston Wells will have any opposition. There is some speculation as to whether George Bennett of Warsaw will be hard fought.

All reports seem to indicate that Clerk of Court R. V. Wells will have smooth sailing with no opposition.

Children's Popularity Contest Be Held Here Friday Night

A great attraction on Stunt Night, April 5th, at the Kenansville High School will be the Children's Popularity Contest. The various merchants and Office men are sponsoring these young girls and boys between the ages of one and six. Boxes for voting have been placed in the stores and offices and it is hoped that many votes (at 1 cent each) will be cast between now and stunt night, at which time the contest will close.

The following children are entering the contest: Jean Weeks, Maude Wells, Bobby Stafford, Jerry Brown, Rebecca Grady, Frances Stroud, Billy Farrior, Mary and Mitchell Allen, Sylvia Gooding, Bobby Blanton, Sarah Lee Willard, Emory Sadler, Joe Morrison, Geraldine Dunn, James Edward Brinson, Oliver Vestal and Mary Alphin, Aubrey and Jahny Daughtry and Lynda Sitterson.

Lions Hear Dist. Governor

James A. Glover of Nashville, District Governor of Lions International, was guest of the Kenansville Lions Club at the regular dinner Wednesday evening. Lion president, Hubert Phillips, presided and introduced Lion Tom Shutte of Faison, zone chairman, who in turn introduced Governor Glover.

Governor Glover, after pulling some gags on members, chose for his subject "Lionism - just what sort of an organization should it be?" Lionism, he said, stands for liberty, intelligence, our nation's safety. It is something intangible. It is found in the way of life. Lionism operates in 16 countries, he said. One of its immediate objects is to help do something about the business of a new world, a lasting peace and security for all. We need to make live in the life of man the spirit of brotherhood.

If the United States is to sell Democracy to the world, the speaker said, there are three things we must do: 1, Live and practice Democracy in a way that will make others want it; 2, Teach the rules of the game and supervise its practice; 3, Work with others in the application of Democracy.

Several visitors were present besides the speaker and Tom Shutte, including George Strang, Sheriff Williamson, Joe Wallace and Woodrow Taylor.

An agreement has been made among eastern farm labor leaders whereby efforts will be made to help both farmers and migrant workers in plans for harvesting crops in the summer and fall.

Duplin Chapter Crippled Children's League Lunches

BY RUTH P. GRADY

On Thursday, March 28, the Duplin County Chapter of the Crippled Children's League held a luncheon in the Sunday School rooms of the Kenansville Methodist Church. The ladies of the church served a delicious baked chicken dinner to several representatives from different parts of the county.

After the luncheon, Mrs. Grace Vann gave an interesting and instructive talk on the work being done by the Duplin County Chapter. The funds may be used for any type of crippling defects. It covers a much greater field than any other one source of collections. The services of the Crippled Children's League varies from bedside teaching to equipping special school rooms, supplying corrective shoes, braces, crutches and wheel chairs. In the school at Chapel Hill alone, 300 children who had never been able to articulate correctly were taught to articulate, and this school was paid by crippled children's funds.

Mr. J. E. Anderson, who is now with the Parole Commission, visited Kenansville last week. Mr. Anderson was formerly with the Health Department in Kenansville.

T. J. GRESHOM REENLISTS
J. T. (Tommy) Gresham, Jr., of Warsaw has re-enlisted in the Navy for a period of six months. Tommy now holds the rank of commander. He expects to be stationed in Charleston, S. C., in full charge there.

Grady School Selected For Experiments

The B. F. Grady school is co-operating with the state department of public instruction and the North Carolina Education association in a study of elementary education.

The North Carolina committee is gathering data on enrollment, attendance, grade survival, training of teachers, pupil failure, and instructional costs in the elementary schools. Certain selected schools over the state are demonstrating the possibilities of school improvement through a wise use of local leadership and other resources. Studies are being made of school and community relationships and policies and procedures which are effective in bringing about desirable school and community changes.

The project was initiated by the Southern States Work Conference which meets each summer at Daytona Beach, Fla. The purpose of the study is improvement of education.

On March 16, the N. C. Committee met in Raleigh. The following teachers from Grady attended: E. D. Edgerton, Principal; Mrs. Harold Kornegay, Mrs. Randolph Davis, and Miss Lena Chenutt.

WARSAW MAYOR TO HELP IN HOUSING PROBLEMS

Mayor A. J. Jenkins of Warsaw was recently in Washington City and secured information regarding building material for homes, restaurants, churches, etc. Building material has been frozen and only certain types of construction will be allowed. Mr. Jenkins secured a quantity of application forms and says that his employee, Virgil Rollins, recently returned from service, has familiarized himself with the requirements and will be glad to aid anyone, free of charge. He is located in Mr. Jenkins' office in Warsaw.

Forest Fire Fighting Tractor Arrives

County Fire Warden Ralph Miller announced this week that the new D-4 Caterpillar Tractor for forest fire fighting in Duplin arrived last Thursday. It is being housed in a garage at the fire tower near Rose Hill. Plows and a truck for hauling the tractor have not arrived but they have been able to borrow some from the western part of the state.

The tractor pulls a large plow around or through a forest to cut a fire line.

Duplin is the first county in the state to match state and federal funds for such equipment.

Mr. Miller stated the new equipment saved 400 acres of good timber land this week that would have been destroyed without its use.

The work done in Duplin County by this organization has been remarkable, especially considering the limited funds. Children have been transported to and from Orthopedic hospitals to receive treatments. Braces and crutches have been bought, and so many children who have never been able to walk before are now walking.

The North Carolina Legislature has passed a bill to appropriate funds to operate spastic schools in this state to train teachers for spastic work.

The money from the sale of Easter Seals will be turned over to this work. One-half of the money is sent to state headquarters and the remainder is kept for the handicapped children of Duplin County. The sale begins April 1st and will close around May 15. The Duplin County Chapter of Crippled Children's League will select a representative in each community to sell the Easter Seals, and ask that you help in every way possible the hundreds of children in Duplin County who are crippled in so many different ways.

RED CROSS DRIVE \$1,000 BEHIND

Chairman Gustav Ulrich of the 1946 Red Cross Drive announces that the county is a thousand dollars short of its quota. Though the drive was to have ended this week he is asking his workers to continue their efforts until the full amount is raised. Duplin has come through in every Red Cross Drive since Pearl Harbor and it is believed with a little more effort the county will reach the top again.

Red Cross Plea

By Caroline Jerritt Strang
The Duplin County Red Cross Chapter needs \$1000 to meet their quota in this year's fund raising campaign.

While our troops were fighting overseas the citizens of our country gave freely and many of them have done so this year. However, there are a few people who do not seem to realize that War is never over for the Red Cross. Everyday there are hundreds of veterans returning to civilian life. Red Cross service to members of the armed forces and their dependents does not stop when they become civilians.

Last month the Home Service Department of our Red Cross Chapter gave assistance to 164 persons - 38 were veterans. The number of cases handled by this Department in January 1945 was 168. In January 1946, the cases numbered 210. Let us remember that duties of the Home Service Department do not decrease following a war. The chapter is advised by National Headquarters to expect Home Service activities to reach their peak in 1950.

The fine citizens of Duplin County who have so generously given their time soliciting funds for Red Cross have explained that some returned servicemen express a keen dislike for the organization and give unfavorable reports of Red Cross activities overseas. Red Cross is a large organization. For this reason alone it is understandable that some of the programs are not carried out as efficiently as they should be. Even though these undesirable conditions do exist, we have but to talk with servicemen who have returned after months spent in enemy prisoner of War Camps to be convinced that the good done by Red Cross greatly overshadows these unfavorable reports.

Your American Red Cross is anxious to correct the flaws in its various programs. Servicemen and veterans who have been mistreated at the hands of the Red Cross and those who have other criticism to offer would be doing the organization and their community a real service if they would give details of the incidents about which they complain to the officials of our Local Chapter. Upon receipt of specific information the chapter will immediately report to National Headquarters where everything possible will be done to correct undesirable situations and replace inefficient personnel.

If there is no basis for this criticism and this is simply idle talk - let's stop it now.

Should we find ourselves in another National Emergency or should disaster strike in our county we would find Red Cross at our sides, but let's remember it is our Red Cross. It can not remain at our sides unless we do our part to keep it there. Red Cross must carry on - give as generously as you can to your local canvasses.

Complaints will gladly be received by J. E. Jerritt, Kenansville, N. C., Chapter Ch'm., or Gustav Ulrich, Seven Springs, N. C., who is campaign manager for Duplin County.

GIRLS IN ECTC CHORUS

The College Chorus of ECTC, is now rehearsing for several programs to be given in the spring quarter. Among the members of the group are Miss Helen Brown of Magnolia and Misses Edith and Esther Moore of Bowden.

Plans Shaping For Annual Berry Festival

The "Sixth Annual North Carolina Strawberry Festival", the greatest event in the two Carolinas and one of the outstanding celebrations of the entire South, which is being held in Wallace from May 1st thru May 11th, is bringing to the Carolinas the greatest array of talent and big acts to ever be presented in this section of the Southland.

Opening day will be marked by a spectacular street parade featuring beautiful floats, bands, prettier girls, marchers, clowns and other eye-filling attractions. The parade will form at the South upper edge of town and will march through town to the show and exhibition grounds.

On opening day May 1st and 2nd the entire gang of radio stars from WSM's "Grand Ol' Opry" in Nashville, Tenn., will appear for matinee and evening shows in the main auditorium. Bringing to Wallace and Eastern Carolina the songs and dances of the Southern highlands, Minnie Pearl, Duke of Paducah, Red Foley, Dave Macon, Eddie Arnold, PeWee King and the Golden West Cowboys, and all the famous stars of the "Grand Ol' Opry", which has become the favorite Saturday night program throughout the nation.

Advance tickets for the "Grand Ol' Opry" show are now on sale by the Wallace Baseball Club. The ticket committee is composed of Bob Hussey, Joe Wallace and Pat McGowan, chairman. All mail orders should be sent to Mr. McGowan in Wallace. Advance tickets are moving fast at \$1.25. Tickets at door will sell for \$1.80 and people of this section are urged to buy their tickets now for this is the greatest opportunity they will have of seeing and hearing their favorite radio show.

There is a scarcity of seats for this "Grand Ol' Opry" and everyone is urged to take advantage of the low advance price and get their seats while available for this great attraction. The Festival committee is giving the people of Duplin and nearby counties the chance to see this big show by getting advance tickets now.

On May 7th, which will be "Governor's Day", there will be three Governors to meet our own Governor Cherry here for the fun and frolic of the day. In addition to the Governors there will be Congressman Graham Barden, Senator Clyde Hoey and over two hundred Mayors from all over the "Old North State."

On May 8th, the "Strawberry Queen's" Ball, will be held in the main auditorium with music furnished by a famous name band.

Outside the Exposition building a large midway with every kind of riding device, clean, entertaining shows and concessions and "Free Acts" will hold sway in a magic cavalcade of fun and mirth.

The huge exhibition building will be filled with every kind of exhibits imaginable. The exhibits are a show themselves, entered from Atlanta, Charlotte, Richmond, New York, Detroit and Milwaukee as well as many local and nearby exhibitors displaying their wares.

A few exhibit spaces are left and those wishing to enter an exhibit or a beautiful float are asked to contact "Festival Officials" at once. The building and decorating will be done by the Underwood Decorating Co., of South Bend, Ind., one of the outstanding decorators in America. This firm handles the decorations for the "Mardi Gras", and will convert Wallace and the buildings into a magic city of color and beauty.

There will be something going on every day during the Festival and an attendance of more than two hundred thousand people are expected.

This will without a doubt be the greatest event to ever take place in this section of the South and will spread the fame of Wallace, Duplin and surrounding counties to the far corners of the nation.

Baptists Open Mission School Sunday; Missionaries Meet Saturday

County Board of Elections Holds Meet

The recently appointed Duplin County Board of Elections held its first meeting in the court house a few days ago and organized.

The members are Robert C. Wells, of Kenansville, J. O. Smith, of Smith Township, Democrats, and W. R. Clifton of Faison, Republican. Wells was named chairman and Smith, Secretary.

They were appointed by the State Executive Committee on March 16, and were sworn in by clerk of court R. V. Wells. The organization meeting was held two weeks earlier than usual in order to handle absentee ballots for soldiers.

The Board will meet again on April 2nd to consider appointment of election officials in the various precincts over the county.

County's First War Bride Arrives

The first War Bride of Duplin County, and baby, Vivian Beatrice Thomas, arrived in Rose Hill, on Wednesday, March 20th from New York, where their ship had just recently docked. They arrived from England on the S S Queen Mary. She is the wife of W. L. Thomas, Jr., of Route 2, Rose Hill (in the Corinth neighborhood). Before marriage, she was Janet Mellett of Sycamore Terrace, Bloxham Banbury Oxon, England. They were married July 8, 1944 in St. Mary's Church, Bloxham, England.

WITH THE EDITOR

THE CRIME WAVE

In a recent issue of the American Magazine, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation) warned that the greatest crime wave in history is on its way in this country. Statistics show, he says, that crimes increase after every war but the present trend is unprecedented.

Mr. Hoover blames part of this crime increase on the fact that so many mothers were employed in war industries and their youngsters left free to roam. He warns that unless all civilians maintain a diligent watch and report to officers even the slightest suspect this country is headed for an era of unbelievable crime.

The pathetic and unforgivable paths of the impending conditions is that the larger percent of crimes are being committed by boys and girls, between the ages of 16 and 20 years. Crimes range from petty thievery to rape and murder.

You can pick up any daily paper today and the record of crimes is appalling.

The Wilmington Morning Star reported a few days ago that the percentage of crimes in the Wilmington area in recent months exceeded the percentage during the war years, when the population in that area was bulging.

Why the increase? To my mind it fundamentally reflects the break-down of morals in our country (attribute that to what you may), a consistent degradation in the theories and practices of honorable living we are taught, and a break-down in home discipline.

The writer does not believe in too severe a punishment for the child who commits an innocent wrong, but the old theory of "spare the rod and spoil the child" as practiced by our forbears is still not out of place.

APRIL

It's April, the month of Dogwoods, when nature puts on her evening gown and all her finery. Seems to me the woods and forests are blooming more beautifully

19 Missionaries will visit 16 Churches in the Association; Will gather in Warsaw Saturday afternoon.

Rev. G. Van Stephens of Warsaw announced this week that The Eastern Baptist Association will hold its first Association-wide school of Missions beginning Sunday, March 31st. The series of meetings will continue through Friday, April 5th. Nineteen Missionaries will take part in the programs. Meetings will be held at night. The program was arranged by Rev. Gilmer Beck. The missionaries will meet at the Warsaw Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

The names of the missionaries and churches they will attend follows:

Rev. Gordon Hunte of Louisville, Ky., Corinth church, Sunday and Monday; Cedar Fork, Tuesday; Beulaville, Wednesday, Hallsville, Thursday; Rose Hill, Friday.

Dr. E. L. Bradley, State Missionary Director of Raleigh; Concord, Sunday and Monday; Magnolia, Tuesday; Turkey, Wednesday; Mt. Vernon, Thursday; Clinton, Friday.

Rev. Wesley Lawton, Charlotte; New Hope, Sunday and Monday; Concord, Tuesday; Magnolia, Wednesday; Turkey, Thursday; Mt. Vernon, Friday.

Rev. Victor Glass, Louisville, Ky.; New Hope, Tuesday; Concord, Wednesday; Magnolia, Thursday; Turkey, Friday.

Miss Alda Grayson, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Clinton, Sunday and Monday; New Hope, Wednesday; Concord, Thursday; Magnolia, Friday.

Miss Evelyn Mills, Washington, D. C.; Mt. Vernon, Sunday and Monday; Clinton, Tuesday; New Hope, Thursday; Concord, Friday.

Miss Clifford Barrett, Turkey, Sunday and Monday; Mt. Vernon, Tuesday; Clinton, Wednesday, New Hope, Friday.

Rev. A. Silva of Tampa, Fla.; Magnolia, Sunday and Monday; Turkey, Tuesday; Mt. Vernon, Wednesday; Clinton, Thursday.

Rev. J. J. Johnson, Cherokee, N. C.; Calypso, Sunday and Monday; Mt. Olive, Tuesday; Bear Marsh, Wednesday; Johnson, Thursday; Warsaw, Friday.

Rev. J. W. Carswell, Savannah, Ga.; Mt. Olive, Sunday and Monday; Bear Marsh, Tuesday; Johnson, Wednesday; Warsaw, Thursday; Calypso, Friday.

Miss Addie Bostwick, Shelby, N. C.; Bear Marsh, Sunday and Monday; Johnson, Tuesday; Warsaw, Wednesday; Calypso, Thursday; Mt. Olive, Friday.

Rev. Dganer Lawton, Ridgecrest N. C.; Johnson, Sunday and Monday; Warsaw, Tuesday; Calypso, Wednesday; Mt. Olive, Thursday; Bear Marsh, Friday.

Rev. A. B. Gallimore, Wake Forest; Warsaw, Sunday and Monday; Calypso, Tuesday; Mt. Olive, Wednesday; Bear Marsh, Thursday; Johnson, Friday.

Rev. H. L. Pettigrew, Humbolt, Tenn.; Cedar Fork, Sunday and Monday; Beulaville, Tuesday; Hallsville, Wednesday; Rose Hill, Thursday; Corinth, Friday.

Rev. Wm. Welch, Cherokee, N. C.; Beulaville, Sunday and Monday; Hallsville, Tuesday; Rose Hill, Wednesday; Corinth, Thursday; Cedar Fork, Friday.

Rev. J. C. Hipps, Asheville, N. C.; Hallsville, Sunday and Monday; Rose Hill, Tuesday; Corinth, Wednesday; Cedar Fork, Thursday; Beulaville, Friday.

Miss Katie Murray, Raleigh; Rose Hill, Sunday and Monday; Corinth, Tuesday; Cedar Fork, Wednesday; Beulaville, Thursday; Hallsville, Friday.

than usual this year. Maybe nature has responded to the call of peace and is doing her best to quiet our fears and still our emotions.

APRIL TRIUMPH
Out of Earth a Flower;
Out of Winter, Spring;
Death cannot keep forever
Any Thing.
By Dorothy De Zanche
In April Farm Journal