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## Berry Festival To Be Biggest In History

### Eleven Big Days; Opens With "Grand Ol' Opry" In Wallace

The Mighty Sixth Annual North Carolina Strawberry Festival, which is being held in Wallace from May 1st through May 11th, will have its prelude on the night of Saturday, April 27th, when the contest for the much sought for title of "North Carolina Strawberry Queen" will be staged in the main exhibition building.

Judges will be representatives from motion picture studios and the girl selected as Queen will be given a free trip to Hollywood, in addition to reigning over the entire Festival for eleven great days.

Opening at 10:30 AM on May 1st, the Festival starts off with a spectacular street parade featuring floats, clowns, pretty girls, bands and other eye-filling attractions. May 1st and 2nd the entire "Grand Ol' Opry" gang from Nashville, Tenn., headed by Geo. D. Hay, the "Solemn Old Judge", Duke of Paducah and all the other stars of the nation's favorite Saturday night Radio show will be on the stage in person.

Shows in the auditorium for the balance of the week will be the famous Trudy Russel Dancers, a big time all girl Revue coming direct from Broadway to the Festival. Also a unit of Earl Carroll's Hollywood Supper Club will appear with the Trudy Russel Show. May 7th is "Governor's Day," at which time three Governors, Governor Eney, Congressman Barden and over two hundred Mayors from North Carolina will meet at the Festival for an old Southern chicken dinner and strawberry shortcakes. After the dinner there will be speaking and a gala festival program for the balance of the day. The "Strawberry Queen" will be crowned by Governor R. Gregg Cherry in a colorful ceremony.

"The Strawberry Queen's Ball" will take place on the evening of May 8th, with music by Betty McQueen and her internationally famous all-girl Band. Senator Hony and other celebrities will join in the ball where the "Queen" and her court will reign supreme.

Friday, May 3rd, will be children's day for all school children in Duplin and surrounding counties. Ten thousand free tickets are being distributed through the schools. Friday, May 10th, will be "Colored Day" and all colored school children will be admitted free on this day. Brown Baron and his Orchestra and floor show of the "Brownskin Models", a great floor show of talented septa dancing girls will entertain the colored folks afternoon and night at a dance on this day.

The concluding evening of Saturday, May 11, will close with a brilliant "Strawberry Ball" with music by a twenty piece orchestra. Outside the huge auditorium and exhibition building a large midway with riding devices, shows, free sets, concessions will hold sway in a magic cavalcade of fun and frolic.

The Strawberry Festival will this year be the greatest event to be held in the two Carolinas and one of the largest celebrations in the entire South. It is held each year to exploit Duplin and South Eastern Carolina and has brought fame and renown to this section throughout the outside nation.

#### Stephen Waller Receives Discharge

Stephen A. Waller, S 11c, USNR, was discharged recently at Charleston, S. C.

Waller, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Waller of Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, entered the Navy on March 28, 1945 and served overseas for six months. He wears the rank of lieutenant and transferred from the USS "Albatross" (AS-10) to the USS "Albatross" (AS-10).



R. F. WADKINS  
Teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the Warsaw Methodist Church for the past four years.

#### J. PAT HARMON WILL HEAD WARSAW ROTARY CLUB

J. Pat Harmon, Supt. of Warsaw Schools, and an active Rotarian since 1939, was elected President of the Warsaw Rotary Club at the regular meeting of the club in the Rotary Hall last Thursday. His term of office will begin July 1, 1946. Others elected were Vice President, B. C. Sheffield, Jr., and Paul Potter was re-elected secretary and treasurer for his fourth term of office. Members elected to the club's board of directors were: J. Pat Harmon, Paul Potter, B. C. Sheffield, Jr., H. Finn Lee, A. J. Jenkins and G. Van Stephens. Under the present leadership of H. Finn Lee, the club has been very active and shown a steady growth. The club now has twenty four members.

Major Robert West, who has just returned from Tokyo, attended the meeting and will soon be out of the Army and back with us as an active Rotarian.

**ROTARY PLAQUE WON**  
BY Y. L. SMITHS  
At the Rotary meeting Thursday, April 11, Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Smith were guests of honor, and were presented the Rotary Plaque, given semi-annually by the Rotarians to the family making the most improvement around their home and grounds during the past six months.

**DON'T FORGET APRIL IS CANCER CONTROL MONTH**  
While \$81.00 of the community chest funds of Warsaw Township goes to fight cancer -- much more is needed.

For every service man killed or reported missing during the period from Pearl Harbor to V-J Day two people died at home in the United States of Cancer. Cancer is more deadly than war, and the American Cancer Society needs money to fight this more deadly enemy.

#### NEW STORE OPENS IN KINSTON

The Fashion Shop, located at 122 W. Gordon St., in Kinston, is the town's newest business enterprise. The store is operated by Mrs. Pauline Owen and Mrs. Mabel Faulkner.

For the past nine years Mrs. Owen has been buying manager of the ladies ready-to-wear department of Harvey's Store in Kinston and Mrs. Faulkner has been her assistant.

The new store features coats, suits, dresses, hosiery, lingerie, blouses, hats, costume jewelry and much more. The operators invite people to visit them on their new venture.

#### CANDIDATE



**TYSON LANIER**  
of near Beulaville has announced his candidacy for re-election to the office of County Commissioner in the Third District, comprising Limestone and Cypress Creek Townships. Opposing him is Archie Lanier of Beulaville.

#### MEETING HELD WED. ON FLOOD CONTROL HERE

Last Wednesday afternoon a public meeting was held in the Courthouse here to discuss the advisability of undertaking improvements for flood control on North East River. Congressman Barden had already asked Congress for an appropriation for this work. Following is a general summary of what was carried out at the meeting:

T. J. Hewitt, Executive Officer and Chief of Engineering Division of the U. S. Engineering Office presided.

Mr. F. B. Hobbs of Raleigh, representative from the Public Roads Administration had no statement to make.

Mr. Geo. M. Renfro, Jr., of Greenville, with Soil Conservation, made no statement.

Mr. C. L. White, Jr., New Bern, with State Board of Health, made no statement.

Vance B. Gavin read statements from the Board of Education, Rep. C. E. Quinn and others concerning the condition of roads and health in the North East River flood section.

Mr. Hewitt then called on different ones to make statements concerning the conditions. Mr. H. D. Williams reviewed the history of the North East river for the past several years until the present time when the flood condition is reaching the unbearable stage. He related the fact that steam boats at one time came up this river. The waters of the North East get to three different stages of flood because the stream is literally choked with logs, branches and other debris. After the flood reaches its crest 3 to 5 days later the flood waters stay twice the length of time than in days when the stream was open. When the water begins to recede it takes twice as long for it to leave. Roads have been in much worse condition. Sews and low places in swamps are great places for breeding of mosquitoes. The swamps are never dry. If the obstructions are taken out, it would be of very great profit to the people of Duplin County. Remove the nuisance water, and the people living along the river would be improved in health.

Mr. Hewitt complimented Mr. Williams on his memory and stated that his purpose was to make a survey and study to see whether or not the river should be improved for flood control. He then proposed to ask the following questions:

"The improvement desired is that portion of the river from Murkney's Bridge down stream to Rockledge Creek which is the most dangerous section."

#### REV. A. M. WILLIAMS for the past two years pastor of the Warsaw Methodist Church.

#### JUDGE STEVENS TO SPEAK IN WARSAW CHURCH SUNDAY

Judge Henry L. Stevens will speak at the Warsaw Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. His subject will be "The Illegality of the Trial of Jesus, from the standpoint of a lawyer." The public is cordially invited to attend.

#### WELFARE DEPARTMENT GIVES INTERESTING REPORT ON WORK

Number of cases outside of the Social Security cases handled by the Welfare Department for the month of March were listed by Mrs. Harvey Boney this week. 1049 cases were handled as follows: Adult Parole Supervision, 43; Investigation of Prisoners, 1; Family Adjustment Service, 29; Educational and Training Service, 3; Vocational Rehabilitation, 10; Adult Mental Problem Service, 3; County Home Applicants, 3; Medical and Health Care Service, 128; Service to Individual Children, 168; Other Services, 181; Old Age Assistance Cases, 314; Aid Dependent Children, 79; Blind Aid, 40; Child Labor Applications, 6; Cases Screened for Selective Service Board, 19; Parolees Served, 22.

#### ESCAPED PRISONER SEEN NEAR HERE

P. E. Rouse of near Kenansville says he believes Earl J. McFarland, GI escapee from Washington City jail, was in his store on last Friday or Saturday afternoon. Mr. Rouse says a young man, neatly dressed, walked into his store about two o'clock in the afternoon and bought a cold drink. He resembled the picture of McFarland which appeared in the News and Observer last week.

McFarland, convicted of brutally killing a young woman in Washington recently, was in the Washington jail under sentence of death. Recently he escaped and it was believed he might have headed for North Carolina. At the time of the murder, he was married to a New Bern woman. Later she secured a divorce.

Today's News and Observer says that McFarland has been apprehended. FBI officials took him into custody on the street in Knoxville. McFarland was an ex-Marine and took training at Camp Lejeune.

#### Warsaw Seaman Returns To Service

J. B. Herring, S 11c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Herring Sr., left last Saturday for New Orleans, La., where he is now stationed, after completing his training in Warsaw.

### Men's Bible Class Of The Warsaw Methodist Church



The persons in the picture above are members of the Men's Bible Class of the Warsaw Methodist Church. Front row, Left to Right: J. J. West, W. E. Taylor, B. C. Surratt, Dalton West, H. R. Hipp, Richard Blackburn, Otis Ridge, Henry Hunter, J. C. Russ, and R. F. Wadkins, teacher. Second row, Left to Right: Norwood West, Q. J. Sutton, Percy Gavin, R. C. Moore, S. W. Marriener, J. A. Rackley, J. C. Jennings, N. W. West, F. F. Giddings, Gordon Kornegay, Milton West, Earl Wiggs, and S. J. Powell. Third row, Left to Right: Sanford Packer, "Bill" Carroll, W. D. Rouse, and M. L. Weeks.

### County Council H. D. C. Holds Spring Meeting

**CONDITIONS GOOD FOR TRUCK CROPS IN EAST CAROLINA**  
Weather conditions in the State since March 15 have been ideal for growth and development of all truck crops in the fields, soil conditions have been favorable for planting late spring and summer crops and farmers throughout the state are active with their spring work.

Planting of spring snap beans is now in the active stage and the acreage this year is expected to be larger than last year.

Some Irish potatoes are up or starting to come up. With the crop from a week to 10 days early, it must face the hazard of frosts which sometimes occur in mid-April.

If favorable weather continues, digging of potatoes should begin in some sections within the next six weeks.

Strawberries are in good to excellent condition and current prospects are for good yields.

Planting of the cucumber crop is progressing rapidly in spite of a shortage of seed. Reports indicate that this year's crop of cucumbers will be larger than that of 1945.

Watermelon seed is said to be on the acute shortage list also.

**Modern Pens Save Hogs For Mart**  
Even pigs have gone modern. Granted, the hogs does not yet require a bed lamp for reading detective stories, it is stated by agricultural engineers that the use of electricity in the pig pen will guarantee a higher percentage of porkers for market.

Electric brooders are practically a new thing, yet, an electric pig brooder can be installed for as little as \$2.50. Records show that from one to two pigs per litter can be saved from freezing or mauling through the use of an electric brooder. If the pig is valued at \$10, the cost of the brooder would be returned four times through its protection of one litter.

An electric pig brooder is normally built in triangular shape so it will fit in a corner of the farrowing pen. Detailed plans may be had from your nearby agent.

### COUNTY BRIEFS

Mesdames Inez C. Boney, Grace Vann and Miss Doris Rouse attended the Regional meeting of American Welfare Association in Columbia, S. C., on the 4th and 5th of April.

Miss Diefendorf, who is a case leader from the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C., has been working in Kenansville for the past week.

Miss Frances Stephens, who has been employed by the Duplin County Chapter American Red Cross, has accepted work as cashier for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company in Warsaw.

Mrs. Hazel Lewis is now employed by the M. F. Allen, Jr., Insurance Agency which has recently opened an office adjoining Mr. J. O. Stokes' office in Kenansville.

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The Rhythm Bands will begin the contest and the voice contest will follow with Mrs. Dorothy Shaw Russell of Fayetteville as Judge.

The piano solo contest will begin at 12:30 with Miss Virginia Hare, member of the Music Faculty of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as Judge.

The public is invited to attend the contest.

Lunch will be served in the High School Cafeteria.

#### BY R. F. WADKINS

The Men's Bible Class of the Warsaw Methodist Church has been active in Sunday School and Church affairs for a number of years. The class was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Olive P. Hinman as teacher.

The membership has maintained a strong organization for the work of an adult class. Continued progress has been evident throughout the past two decades under the leadership of able teachers. Teachers in the past include the following: J. S. Fleming, Charles Baddour, Amos W. Gillett, Paul Potter, Robert L. West, and at present is R. F. Wadkins.

The class has been well represented on Board's of Stewards and Trustees in years past and often served on various committees pertaining to church activities.

A high standard of Christian living has been maintained by the membership. Giving freely of their means for the support of the church budget has been practiced.

For a decade or more, the membership numbered fifteen to twenty with an average attendance of twelve. During the past two years the membership has increased to thirty-two. For the past six months the average attendance has been twenty-five.

The class has shown that each member is constantly thinking and attempting to live in the spirit of Brotherhood. The sick are never forgotten, the unfortunate are remembered with the necessities of life, and help and sympathy are always shown in times of sorrow and distress.

#### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Just a word of appreciation from our class. As a member of the adult class and Supt. of Sunday School, we are all very lucky in having Mr. Wadkins as our teacher. He always has the lessons prepared and works with the class and also for the Sunday School with his whole body and mind and also for the improvement of anything for the betterment of our Sunday School and Church.

F. W. Oakes, Superintendent

#### Festival Contest To Be Held In Kenansville

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