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Duplin Schools Require Tax Increase

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During recent months there have been a great number of requests from the people of Duplin County for improvements in the school plants of the county. These requests have been made to the Board of Education and in some instances to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of Education, by law not a tax levying board, has requested the County Commissioners to increase the school budget so that the improvements could be made gradually. The Board of Commissioners has found, however, that the school budget cannot be increased without an increase in the tax rate of the county, and the members of the Board of Commissioners hesitate to increase the rate. The much needed improvements, additions, and repairs cannot be made unless the tax rate is increased at least from \$1.35 to \$1.50. This increase would add to the tax levy approximately \$26,000 per year, and would be a great help in putting our school houses and equipment in better order.

The disastrous fire at Beulaville has made it impossible for us to make needed improvements in our other schools. We expect to have ample facilities at Beulaville before the weather gets cold. The contracts will be let this week.

Some of the much needed improvements are: Chinquapin 8 new class rooms, B. F. Grady 8 new class rooms. These schools have grown rapidly. B. F. Grady has no science room, no library room, two teachers use the gymnasium for class rooms, one teacher uses an old building for a class room, and the agriculture teacher uses a part of his shop. The State Board of Education has allotted B. F. Grady two additional teachers for next year. We plan to add two rooms, thereby making no improvement in the present over crowded condition.

Chinquapin has no science room, no library room, one teacher is at present using the auditorium as a class room, and like B. F. Grady, has gained two teachers for next year. We expect to add a two room structure which will be adequate for a lunch room when we build the eight room addition at Chinquapin. Hence, this two room addition will not relieve the present overcrowded condition at all.

The heavy crop of "war babies" will enter school during the next two years, thereby making our situation even worse.

Next year for the first time we will have 12 grades in all of our schools. This addition of one year to the school program of all children will call for added space and equipment in all of our schools. Fortunately, at present, we can take care of the added year in all white schools except B. F. Grady and Chinquapin.

The last General Assembly raised the compulsory attendance age from 14 to 16 years. This will add to the attendance in all schools. We expect to enforce this law during the next school term. We will have a full time attendance officer.

The situation in the negro schools is more acute; it has become (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

Typhoid Clinics Announced

The Duplin County Health Department wishes to announce the following typhoid clinics during the month of June:

MONDAYS - 9:30 - 11:30 A. M. Kenansville at the Health Department.

THURSDAYS - 9:00 - 10:00 A. M., Faison City Hall; 10:00 - 11:00 Warsaw City Hall; 2:00 - 3:00 P. M., Rose Hill City Hall; 3:00 - 4:00 Wallace City Hall.

Everyone desiring the vaccination living near these places are urged to be on time at the designated places.

J. A. Rackley Taken To Hospital

J. A. Rackley, popular employee of Quinn-McGowen Company in Warsaw, was taken to the Goldsboro Hospital Thursday afternoon for examination and observation. Mr. Rackley has been ill for several days, believed to be some kind of internal poison.

BAHAMIAN LABORERS HELP TOBACCO HARVEST

There will be 32 Bahamian laborers available to tobacco growers of Duplin County to help with harvesting the tobacco crop. This announcement was made by the State Labor Office after reconsideration of the labor needs in Duplin County. These workers will be placed on farms where there is a drastic need of additional labor in order to avoid losing a portion of the tobacco crop. Any grower may file application for some of these workers at the County Agent's office by 10:00 A. M. Saturday, June 1. A committee of farmers will be elected at a meeting in the Agricultural Building in Kenansville, Thursday night, May 30, at 8 o'clock to determine which growers are in most need of additional labor in order to save their tobacco crop. Any tobacco grower who would like to apply for some of these workers should file their application and leave it at the County Agent's Office not later than 10 o'clock next Saturday, June 1.

FAIL TO LET CONTRACTS FOR DUPLIN SCHOOLS

The Duplin Board of Education met here Wednesday afternoon to receive bids for construction of a two unit school plant at Beulaville, 8 room addition at B. F. Grady and an 8 room addition at Chinquapin.

Only two contractors submitted bids for construction. Their figures were far in excess of what the county is in a position to pay. Contracts were not let.

Supt. Johnson stated that some temporary plan will be worked out so that school will go on as usual next school season.



The B. F. Grady Debating Team entered the State Debating Contest sponsored by Chapel Hill. Aff. - Elsie Byrd and Gaynelle Stanley, Neg. - Wilbur Eubanks and Middle Ruth Wallace. Coach - Mrs. Pearl McGowen.

Outlaw Leads Ticket Jones Named Sheriff Lanier Wins In Third

Largest vote ever recorded in Democratic Primary; Outlaw polls total 4172 votes; Approximately 6600 votes cast.

Lewis Outlaw, prominent Albertson Township farmer and leader in county agricultural programs, decisively defeated incumbent G. E. Quinn for the House of Representatives in last Saturday's primary. Outlaw polled 4,172 to Quinn's 1,970, leading Quinn in all precincts except Kenansville, Charity, Rose Hill and Calypso. Outlaw's majority was 2,202.

Ralph Jones swamped Joe Wallace in the race for sheriff by a vote of 4,005 to 2,486. Jones carried every precinct except Kenansville, Smith, Cabin, Cedar Fork, and Rockfish.

In the race for Coroner, C. B. "Pap" Sitterson defeated Hix Bradshaw by a vote of 3,118 to 2,486, a majority of 632. Sitterson carried 13 of the county's 20 precincts.

In the Third Commissioner District race for county commissioner, incumbent Tyson Lanier defeated his opponent Archie Lanier by a scant 27 votes. Tyson carried Cedar Fork, Cypress Creek and Chinquapin Townships.

In the race for township constables, Collins in Albertson Township defeated Daniels and Fordham; Thigpen defeated Strickland in Smith and Home came out on top in a six man race in Limestone.

Official tabulation of the county wide returns will be found on this page and returns in constable races will be found on another page.

The 1946 primary goes down as the largest in the history of Duplin County. This is exceptional, considering this year as an off-year balloting.

1909 to 1920 Graham G. Best was sheriff; from 1920 to 1924 Chas. M. Ingram of Glisson was sheriff and from 1924 to the present time David S. Williamson of Kenansville has been sheriff.

In the House of Representatives, D. L. Carlton of Warsaw served in the sessions of 1901 and 1903; H. D. Williams of Kenansville in the sessions of 1905 and 1907; John A. Gavin of Kenansville in the session of 1909. Dr. Ransom L. Carr of Rose Hill served in the sessions of 1911, 1915, 1923, and 1933. George R. Ward of Wallace served in the sessions of 1917, 1925 and 1927. In 1923 the county was represented by W. Stokes Boney of Island Creek; in 1919 by Stacy Chestnut of Glisson; 1921, Edward J. Hill of Warsaw; 1923 Dr. J. H. Newberry of Warsaw; 1931 by Dan Jolly of Kenansville; 1933 by H. D. Williams of Kenansville. Since that time C. E. Quinn of Kenansville has represented the county. Mr. Quinn has represented Duplin in the House of Representatives longer than any other person.

Senator Rivers D. Johnson returns to the Senate again this time without any opposition. He has represented Duplin in the State Senate intermittently since 1911, and has never been defeated for the office.

Clerk of Court R. V. Wells goes back into office without opposition. Mr. Wells has served the county in this capacity since 1919. When he completes the next term he will have served thirty years.

Other candidates without opposition are automatically certified are: Commissioners George Bennett; L. P. Wells, Arthur Whitfield and A. C. Hall.

Sheriff Williamson steps down after having served his county for 21 years and retires as one of the most popular sheriffs Duplin has ever had.

Hidden under half million tons of imported hay is the answer to why North Carolina is a milk-deficient State, an answer much easier to find than the long lost

Emergency Food Collection Drive Launched In Warsaw Township

EDITORIAL

Since the advent of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the country began to pull itself, by its bootstraps, out of the depression, Duplin County has done well by itself financially. But we urge you to consider that this "done well" is on paper and not on facts.

As prices increased tax collections increased. Thousands of dollars in delinquent taxes poured into the county treasury.

W. F. A. came along and repaired and painted our school buildings and other public buildings. Everybody was feeling fine and the county was really getting on its feet.

Our Board of Commissioners, as capable as they were, failed to foresee postwar problems. They launched a happy program of reducing taxes. Our tax rate was reduced from \$1.55 in 1935 to the present \$1.35. The commissioners,

at various times, were urged by many not to reduce taxes; sound judgment was to collect while collecting was good, they were advised. They didn't see it that way. They had their reasons and they had their authority.

Now we are faced with an almost physical breakdown in school equipment. We have only two accredited elementary schools in the county. If our children are to be given the privileges they are entitled to, we must face an increase in taxes, not just a 5 cent increase but a 20 or 25 cents increase.

We believe the people of Duplin County will live up to their noble heritage and encourage a decision of our present board of commissioners to increase our taxes sufficiently to take care of our schools adequately.

J. R. Grady.

Citizens Are Asked To Give That Hungry Millions May Live

The opportunity is near when the citizens of Warsaw Township will be asked to help feed the hungry millions of this war-torn world.

Herbert Hoover has returned, and reported the desperate needs. President Truman has urged the people of America to respond to these needs. Henry A. Wallace has been made National Chairman, and is working in cooperation with the thousands of communities thru out our Nation. Surely, we must do our part here.

The Warsaw Rotary Club is sponsoring the movement in the community. A committee composed of Finn Lee, Jimmie Kitchin, and Ross Watkins is working with Chairman Van Stephens in planning, and launching the movement. A number of the ladies of the community will be called upon to help.

Announcements will be made in the press, in the churches, and elsewhere as to the day in June when someone will call on you for a cash donation. Cash is preferred by the National Committee. It is more convenient, and will enable buying in larger lots, and the kind of foods more urgently needed. We can't let them starve. Talk is not sufficient. We must act now, or it will be too late. One thousand dollars is the goal for Warsaw Township. Let us heed their cry, or millions will die.

Reports from political Washington say that farm cooperative leaders are frequently seen closeted with labor leaders. American cotton will probably meet a strong world demand during 1946.

Pink Hill Community Club Hears Johnson

Duplin Senator talks on "Citizenship" at Annual Ladies Night; Dr. Edwards, President presides.

Our State Senator, Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, spoke on "Citizenship," at the annual ladies' night meeting of the Pink Hill Community Civic Club there Friday night, May 24th. Dr. H. A. Edwards, president, presided.

The speaker was presented by L. C. Turner. Senator Johnson spoke at length on the duties and responsibilities of citizenship and lauded the club on its stand for betterment of Pink Hill and its institutions. The address was well received.

A delicious three-course chicken barbecue dinner was served. Miss Wanda Tyndall offered several sections on the piano. Rev. N. P. Farrior, club secretary, reviewed the accomplishments of the past year, including efforts to secure a telephone switchboard and other objects.

The dinner was served in the "gym," which was attractively decorated with black, green and orange streamers and evergreen. Attractive arrangements of pretty flowers adorned the tables.

Among the visitors at the meeting were Jesse A. Jones, Rev. H. G. Dawkins, Ed. F. Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Phillips of Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jones of Tarboro.

SUGAR

SPARE STAMP No. 49 . . . GOOD FOR 5 Lbs. . . EXPIRES AUG 31
SPARE STAMP No. 9 . . . GOOD FOR 5 Lbs. . . FOR CANNING
EXPIRES OCT. 31

Hail Damages Crops Several Sections Of County

Wind and hail damaged crops in the Wesley, and Westbrook sections of the county Monday. Reports say some damage was noticed in Smith and Albertson Townships. Tobacco and corn suffered most damage.

Warsaw Flying Instructor Fatally Injured In Clinton

Claude Garner dies from injuries received as plane crashes near Clinton; Was instructor in the Army.

Claude V. Garner, Jr., of Warsaw, age 26, died in the veterans hospital in Fayetteville at 8:35 A. M. Thursday May 30th.

Garner was fatally injured late Wednesday afternoon when his plane made a forced landing about two miles from Clinton, according to reports.

Garner, an instructor at the Clinton airport, is reported to have been making a solo flight. His buddy, Ernest Hussey of Warsaw, was making a solo flight at the same time. Hussey is reported to have said he saw Garner's plane flying low and suddenly he saw a ball of fire burst from the plane. The plane was enveloped in flames. It made a crash landing in an open field. Hussey landed as quickly as possible and as he ran towards Garner's plane, he saw two farmers carrying Garner from the plane. He was burned badly about the face, head and arms. An ambulance was called and he was rushed to the veterans hospital in Fayetteville.

That night his father, druggist at Warsaw Drug Co., went to see him and the doctor is reportedly to have told him that Claude was not fatally injured and would recover soon. The next morning he died.

Captain Garner was discharged from the Army Air Corps in February of this year after having served over four years. He did not see service overseas. He was kept in the States as an instructor in flying. Since his discharge he has been connected with the Clinton Airport and has been instructing civilian flyers.

He was a graduate of the Wil-

son High School and attended Atlantic Christian College two years. At the time of his induction into the Army he had an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Captain Garner is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Garner, Sr., of Warsaw; one sister, Mrs. W. A. Patterson of Mt. Olive and one brother, W. W. Garner of Wilmington.

Funeral services were held this morning from the Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home in Warsaw at 9 o'clock. The body was taken to Creedmore, his family home, where it lay in state in the Baptist Church until 2 p. m. Burial was in the family lot in the Creedmore cemetery. Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church conducted the funeral.

Captain Garner, Claude as he is known in Warsaw, was one of the finest young men in the town. He had a promising future. He was very popular among the younger set of the town. He offered his life for his country and came home safely to be taken by a local accident. His friends extend their sympathy to his family.

Sam Bowden Be Honored At P. J. C.

During the graduating exercises which were held Wednesday, May 29th at Presbyterian Junior College, 19 diplomas were awarded.

Following the graduating exercises, a memorial service was held at which time a gold star was placed on the service flag in honor of Sam Bowden of Warsaw. Seventeen other former students were also honored with gold stars.

Official Returns County Wide Vote Last Saturday

PRECINCTS	SHERIFF			HOUSE OF REPR.			CORONER			CO. COM. 3rd DIST.	
	JONES	WALLACE	OUTLAW	QUINN	BRADSHAW	SITTERTSON	A. LANIER	T. LANIER			
WARSAW	881	65	532	361	446	389					
FAISON	226	36	144	100	146	75					
CALYPSO	116	70	76	83	67	80					
WOLFESCRAPE	283	219	434	38	188	208					
GLISSON	260	81	235	44	108	124					
ALBERTSON	186	157	300	39	51	344					
SMITH	71	118	183	27	43	145					
CABIN	92	127	176	27	51	133					
BEULAVILLE	430	197	377	188	173	298	437	178			
HALLSVILLE	175	133	225	61	107	157	308	96			
CEDAR FORK	99	114	160	40	84	97	37	182			
CYPRESS CREEK	153	78	154	62	76	101	68	157			
CHINQUAPIN	140	81	174	43	114	79	30	194			
LOCKLEN	45	34	42	35	62	10					
CHARITY	98	80	81	83	108	46					
WALLACE	260	288	271	191	225	223					
ROCKFISH	33	88	99	80	52	65					
ROSE HILL	134	103	76	137	186	31					
MAGROZZA	263	25	173	58	94	117					
KENANSVILLE	185	459	289	323	105	490					
TOTALS	4008	2428	4172	1970	2486	3118	780	807			