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Peirce Mfg. Company Destroyed By Fire

Warsaw Suffers Loss Of Peirce's Mill Burned Last Sunday Morning

The J. M. Peirce Manufacturing Company, of Warsaw, was completely destroyed by fire early on Sunday morning. The fire was discovered about 12:15 A. M. at which time the flames had gained such headway that upon arrival of the Fire Department, the main building, housing the office and machinery, were all in flames and because of sufficient water supply, nothing could be done to save it. All facilities were used on adjoining buildings and salvaging merchandise.

A considerable amount of merchandise was saved from one building, which was in flames, but a GMC truck in another building was completely destroyed, when it could not be started.

It is understood that the loss is partially covered with insurance, although the loss is in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00. In years past this has been Warsaw's leading industrial plant, having been built in 1907 by the late James Hicks Peirce, brother of the present owner, J. M. Peirce.

At the peak of its operation, the mill employed as many as 100 men and brought a sizable payroll into the town. It is with regret that Warsaw loses its oldest and largest industry. Mr. Peirce states that he intends to rebuild the mill as soon as possible.

This is just another instance of Warsaw's great need for additional water extensions and more fire fighting equipment.

Good Health Be Observed In Schools Feb. 2-8

Good Health Week will be observed in all North Carolina public schools February 2-8. Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has notified state headquarters of the Good Health Association.

Letters have been sent from Dr. Erwin's office in Raleigh to all public school principals of city and county systems urging their fullest cooperation.

During Good Health Week greater emphasis on health as a regular part of the school curriculum is called for by Dr. Erwin.

In his letter, Dr. Erwin expresses the belief that much good can be accomplished in stimulating interest and enthusiasm for the Good Health program on the part of school personnel.

Citizens throughout the State have become aroused to a need for action in solving our health problem by the activities and recommendations of the Medical Care Commission and the Good Health Association. School people will readily recognize the benefits to accrue to school children from a medical care and hospital program such as that advocated by the Medical Care Commission.

Dr. Erwin's suggestions for the starting of Good Health Week include student assembly programs on health, gym demonstrations of intra-mural athletic activity and other phases of physical education, renditions of Good Health songs, "It's All Up To You," before student assembly programs, student orations on the subject of Good Health, showing of health films, editorials on health in school papers, a contest for the best health poster, a health program for the PTA, and talks on health by students before Civic clubs.

The observance will also include health service features. An intensive effort will be made by school officials to have not been given examinations during the past year receive complete medical examination by their private physician or by county health officers.

In cases where it has not already been done, completion of teacher screening of elementary children and initiative steps to get follow-up examinations by nurse and doctor will be undertaken.

Special work will be done with respect to getting corrections for all children found to have physical defects.

Printed materials containing suggestions for the observance of Good Health Week and for a long-range plan for intensifying the health program accompanied Dr. Erwin's announcement to school heads.

Plans copies of the song "It's All Up To You" have been secured through the cooperation of Kay Kyser. These will be sent to every music teacher in the state for use in connection with the special observance. Orchestration will be sent to all bands and orchestras. Two copies of the record, which features the Kay Kyser orchestra with Pauline from Miami and the Duke Ellington orchestra.



Your contributions of dollars and dimes last year made it possible for this young lady to recover from an attack of the dread infantile paralysis. She and her doll (at left) were admitted to the State Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia several months ago.

She is Mimi Eve Elliott, daughter of John W. Elliott, R. F. D. No. 2, Shelby.

You can help many other such youngsters regain their health by contributing to the annual March of Dimes campaign which gets under way Thursday of this week, January 16, and continues through the month.

Closing Dates For 1946 Performance

The closing date for reporting 1946 Performance is February 15, 1947, states Joe E. Sloan, Chairman, Duplin County A. C. A.

Farmers should make every effort to report his soil-building performance which he had in 1946 before the closing date.

Date For NSLI Is Extended

A deadline of Jan. 1, for reinstatement of converted types of NSLI has been extended by VA regulation to February 1, which means that those whose policies have lapsed over three months can reinstate by signing a statement of comparative health, rather than undergoing a new physical examination.

Veterans who possessed NSLI term policies also have until Feb. 1, to affect reinstatement by signing a statement that they are in good health as they were when policies lapsed.

Full information on insurance can be obtained from the Representative of the Veterans Administration who will be in Warsaw, N. C., at the Warsaw Library located adjacent to the Mayor's Office in the Town Hall. He will be there on Thursday of each week from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. to discuss with veterans any problems they have concerning their benefits under the GI Bill and especially those concerning NSLI, Hospitalization, Outpatient Treatment and Education.

Veterans may also get information on any of these questions at the Veterans Administration office located in the County Courthouse Building, Goldsboro, N. C.

Mercer Appointed School Board

Ransom Mercer, mayor of Beaufort, and prominent merchant, was appointed a member of the Beaufort school board to succeed his brother, Grady Mercer who is now a member of Duplin's general county board. The appointment was made Monday by the Duplin Board of Education.

Survivors Of Vets File Claims

Mr. N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington Field Office of the Social Security Administration states that during a conference, the August 1946 Amendments to the Social Security Act, relative to survivors of World War II Veterans were discussed. The Amendments apply to survivors of veterans who served at least 90 days in the armed forces and were honorably discharged and died within three years after discharge. Special emphasis is stressed on the importance of survivors of World War II filing for benefits immediately. If claim is filed before Feb. 10, 1947, benefits will be payable retroactive to date of death; however, if claim is not filed before Feb. 10, 1947, payments of benefits are retroactive for only three months.

Mr. Avera urges survivors to file their claims immediately by personal contact on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1947 at the Post Office in Wallace at 11:30 A. M., or the post office in Warsaw at 3:00 P. M., or by writing Wilmington Field Office, Social Security Administration, Room 130 Custom House, Wilmington, N. C.

6th Division Society Seeks Members

Veterans of the 6th Infantry Division during World War II are now eligible to join the division's association formed after World War I, it was announced today.

Since a complete roster of member is not available, veterans interested in becoming association members are asked to write to Maj. Gen. C. E. Hurd, (retired), 101 Smithfield Road, North Providence, Rhode Island.

General Hurd reports the history of the division will be ready for distribution in February. Persons desiring a copy should address their request to him at his Rhode Island address.

Gardner Sworn In

Washington, Jan. 15 — O. Max Gardner was sworn in today as ambassador to Great Britain. Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson administered the oath to the former Undersecretary of the Treasury in the Office of Secretary of State James V. Byrnes.

Local Pilot Goes On Florida Tour

Mr. M. F. Allen, Jr., Cashier of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Kenansville, is one of thousands of participants in the Sixth Annual Gulf Air Tour to Florida, an event which is bringing into the air the largest number of private pilots in the history of aviation. Major Al Williams, noted speed flyer, Pulitzer trophy winner and head of the aviation department of the Gulf Oil Companies, disclosed yesterday.

Designed to encourage cross-country flying, this unusual Air Tour was open to any pilot of a plane of 125 horsepower or less. Several thousand private pilots from all over the country took part in the flight. Pilots used the nearest of four especially worked out Gulf Airways to Florida, all of which converged at Orlando, and branching out from that city to both Florida's east and west coasts. Free oil and gasoline was provided by Gulf dealers at some 70 intermediate refueling points along the airways. Flyers from this area secured Air Tour applications from the local Gulf airport dealer. Pilots took off any time after January 2nd and can complete their tour by January 26th. They can fly individually or in groups of their own choosing and can visit any part of Florida they desire.

Mr. Allen and Gilbert Alphin took off from the Kenansville airport Wednesday of last week about 6:30 A. M. Due to bad weather they were grounded in Jacksonville, Fla., that afternoon about 4:00. They returned home Tuesday of this week.

County Briefs

Jan. 7.—Duplin paid \$10,000 on Road and Bridge Bonds, maturing March 1, 1947; issued March 1, 1922.

Also \$10,000 Road and Bridge Bonds, due March 1, 1947; issued March 1, 1921.

Register of Deeds reported a total of fee collections for the year of 1946 as \$6,497.46. An increase of \$939.00 over 1945. More than covers expense of office.

I. N. Henderson, Tax Collector, reports December collections as \$18,110.62.

Joe Wallace, Duplin's Service Officer, assisted 134 veterans during the month of December.

It was reported that a resolution was passed here asking our Representative and Senator to introduce a Bill to increase fees of Justices of the Peace and Constables to a reasonable amount.

A NEED FOR NURSES

None of the billions appropriated for veterans' benefits can be spent to better advantage than in an adequate program of health and hospital care. By "adequate" we mean, of course, the very best. The Veterans administration itself has adopted the happy slogan, "A Medical Service Second to None."

To achieve this supremacy, however, VA must have the help of qualified civilians. The Citizen is informed that there is a critical need of trained nurses at the Oteen and Oteen Annex tubercular hospitals, which together have 2,074 beds available for veterans. "To utilize all available beds," writes Dr. David E. Quinn, manager of these veterans' facilities, "we need at least 250 additional nurses at once. We feel that there are many nurses who served during the war who are interested in the welfare and return to good health of veterans."

In addition to its element of patriotism, this appeal has many attractive features. Pay and allowances are generous, and nurses are not subject to Civil Service regulations except in regard to retirement. There will be ample opportunity for additional training in association with outstanding physicians and surgeons. Above this, the war veteran is deserving of the very best which a grateful nation can provide, not only in hospitals and equipment but also in skilled, compassionate attention in the splendid traditions of the American nursing profession.



Sergeant E. W. Long, from Kenansville, N. C., examines different types of parasites in experiments to safeguard the health of Occupation Forces in Japan. Through determined efforts, men of the Medical Corps in Japan have staved off the plague of diseases which invariably follow great conflicts. (SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO)

Times Editor In Rex Hospital

Mr. J. R. Grady, editor and owner of The Times is in Rex Hospital, Raleigh. He was admitted to the hospital Wednesday evening about 9 o'clock.

Mr. Grady suffered a dislocated shoulder some months ago. The dislocation was reduced, but since that time the shoulder seems to fly out of joint at the least provocation.

After suffering several times, due to the shoulder coming out of place, Mr. Grady decided to have the shoulder operated upon. He called the Times Office early yesterday morning and said that the operation would take place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He expects to be home within a week or soon thereafter.

Mrs. Grady and Rebecca are also in Raleigh.

Treasurer For Rotary District Is Appointed

Dan H. Outlaw, of Mt. Olive, a native of Duplin County, has been named treasurer of Rotary International District 188, the appointment being announced Thursday night at the weekly meeting of the Mt. Olive Rotary Club by District Governor James W. Butler on the occasion of his official visit.

Outlaw has served as president and secretary of his club and has held other district appointments, and is a civic leader in Mt. Olive.

Accomplishments of the Mt. Olive club in community service and its broader field of service international relations were lauded by District Governor Butler.

B. F. Grady PTA Met Monday Night

The B. F. Grady PTA met on Monday night, Jan. 13, in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Gustav Ulrich conducted the devotional.

After the business meeting, Dr. Edwards, Dentist from Pink Hill, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on "Dietary Influence on Children's Teeth from the age of 9 to 12." He stressed the importance of the Six Year Molar in the forming of the child's mouth. Early stages of Pyorrhea were also discussed.

Mr. Wells showed two educational pictures, Angels of Mercy, and The Book of Books.

Prizes of \$1.00 were given to the following rooms for largest parent attendance: Primary, Mrs. Katie Powell. Grammar, Mrs. Annie Kornegay. High School, Mrs. Alice Davis.

Scott Gives Tax Advice

Warning that the U. S. Treasury Department is cognizant of increased farm income during the past few years, Agriculture Com-

County Agent's Office

L. F. WEEKS

Tobacco Plant Beds

As soon as weather permits, tobacco growers will begin preparing plant beds for their 1947 crop. Blue mold has been a severe menace to tobacco plants for several years. Many treatments have been tried for the control of this disease. Most of these were either too expensive, or too complicated to be very practicable.

A new material called "Fermate" was offered on the market last year. This material has proved to be the most effective, and most practical treatment for Blue Mold yet tried.

This material can be applied either as a dust or a spray. Most farmers prefer using it as a spray. Two to three pounds of the material is required with 100 gallons of water. From three to 6 gallons of spray is required per 100 yards of plant bed depending on the size of the plants.

Fermate is a preventive treatment and therefore, it should be applied to the plants before Blue Mold becomes a problem. Last year many farmers were unable to find Fermate, but I understand that insecticide dealers in practically every town in the county will have this material in stock during this coming plant bed season.

If tobacco growers will plan narrow beds, approximately 12 feet or less in width, spraying will be much easier.

Home Agent's Notes

By HILDA L. CLONCE

Down Comfort Meeting

Miss Rose Elwood Bryan is to be in Kenansville on Jan. 23, at 2:30 P. M. for the purpose of giving a demonstration on "How to make down comforters from feathers." You may have an old feather bed that you are not using, so come and see Miss Bryan demonstrate making this comfort from feathers.

This is the first meeting of this kind that we have had in Duplin since the war, so let's show our interest by having a good attendance for the meeting.

The meeting will be held in Kenansville at the Agricultural Building.

County Council Meeting

The County Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 3:00 P. M. in the Office of the Home Agent in Kenansville.

We expect to have our new District Agent, Mrs. Mary L. McAllister, present with us for this meeting. Let's have a good attendance to welcome Mrs. McAllister to our County.

We have a number of important things to talk about at our January meeting. We want to make definite plans for the 1947 program.

If you have anything that you would like to see done to improve our County program, please be present and present it at this meeting.

Home Dem. Notes

Club Meetings Week Jan 27

Jan. 27, North East, at the home of Mrs. Elvia English.

Jan. 27, Chinquapin Club, in the Home Ec. Room.

Jan. 28, County Council Meeting, in the Office of Home Agent, Kenansville, N. C.

Jan. 29, Lanefield Club, at the home of Mrs. Myra Carlton.

Jan. 30, Summerlin Cross Roads Club, at the home of Mrs. Ivey.

Jan. 31, Franklin Club, at the home of Mrs. G. E. Davis.

missioner W. Kerr Scott advises farmers to "get their financial houses in order."

He reminds them that every farmer whose gross income during 1946 was \$500 or more is required to file an income tax return -- even though no tax may be due. Scott said that the typical farmer has two choices as to the filing of returns. He may (1) file a return and pay the tax due and pay the tax due by January 15, or (2) file a return and pay the estimated tax by January 15, and then file the return and pay any balance due March 15.