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ARMISTICE SPEAKER



Statement Of Former Governor J. Melville Broughton

As has been announced this week that former Governor J. Melville Broughton will be the principal speaker at the Armistice Day Celebration to be held in Warsaw on November 11th. He will address the people from the steps of the American Legion Hut at 11 a. m. A public address loud speaker system will be installed to carry the speech.

The Armistice Day program, which annually attracts thousands of folks from miles around, promises to surpass anything yet put on. Other events scheduled for the day in addition to Mr. Broughton's address include a mammoth parade (floats and air); hog calling and various other contests conducted by that master of fun, Rivers D. Johnson; a football game in the afternoon; the Rafferty Shows, which will be in town for the week and that evening, a big square dance.

I will be a candidate for the United States Senate in the Democratic primary next May. Notice of my candidacy has today been filed with the State Board of Elections.

It is still more than six months before the primary and I do not contemplate beginning at this time any intensive campaign. The grave and disturbing international and domestic problems of the moment are such as to make untimely and undesirable any long-drawn-out political contest.

In the course of the campaign next Spring, I shall endeavor to visit every section of the State and will discuss the problems of greatest concern to the people of the State and Nation.

During my term of office as Governor of North Carolina I endeavored to serve the people of the State to the best of my ability. That record is before the people. Education, public health, agriculture and the industrial development of the resources of the State were the subjects to which I gave particular emphasis. The progress made is a matter of record. On this record and upon pledge of continued, active interest in these and other causes of vital concern, I shall confidently submit my candidacy to the people.

The people of the State will determine whether or not my experience and service as governor, legislator and in other public capacities qualify me to serve as their representative in the Senate of the United States. My campaign will be addressed to the people. gubernatorial appointment, under the statute, has filled the temporary vacancy caused by death; but only the people by their votes can decide who will represent them in the Senate for the full term.

If I am nominated and elected, as I confidently expect to be, I will owe no allegiance except to the people. To their service and to the national welfare I will dedicate all the energy and ability that I possess.

Dr. Straughan Is Chairman Of "March Of Dimes"

Dr. J. W. Straughan has accepted again for this year the chairmanship of the "March of Dimes" campaign for Duplin County. Dr. Straughan did an excellent job last year.

The district infantile paralysis meeting was held in Wilmington yesterday. A member of the James Walker Memorial Hospital staff directed delegates through the polo unit to see how patients are being treated in that hospital.

Kenansville Child Breaks Her Arm

Pattie Sue Grady, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Grady, who lives in the Bowden Apartments, fell last Thursday from the back door steps and sustained a broken arm. Her arm was broken in the elbow joint.

Warsaw Renowned Armistice Celebration Gets Underway Here Tuesday Morning November 11th.

Final plans for the big Armistice Day celebration to be held in Warsaw on Tuesday, November 11, are completed and the following program has been released:

10:00 - 10:45 a. m. — Parade of bands, floats, military units, Scouts, Legionnaires, etc. Children with their pets, decorated are invited to join.

10:45 - 11:00 a. m. — Singing from steps of Legion Home.

11:00 a. m. — Address by former Governor Broughton from steps of Legion Home.

1:00 - 1:30 p. m. — Concert by Kingston High School band in front of Legion Home.

1:30 - 2:30 p. m. — Various contests, including hog calling, ugly man, etc., conducted by Rivers D. Johnson. Prizes are being donated by local merchants.

3:00 - 5:00 p. m. — Football game between Warsaw and Swansboro High Schools.

9:00 p. m. - 1:00 a. m. — Dance at High School Gymnasium. Music furnished by Johnny Archer and his popular orchestra from Richmond.

The well known Rafferty Shows will be there that day and for the entire week. A square dance is being planned for Wednesday night.

"Mustard and Gravy" of radio fame will give two performances, Armistice Day and night.

The Duplin Times and the Goldsboro News Argus will have photographers on the scene.

BOB GRADY SAYS

Is Duplin's hospital beginning to materialize? There are signs of it. Dr. Deane Hundley of Wallace appeared before the Board of Commissioners Monday in behalf of such an institution. He suggested that a small institution be planned with the idea of expansion as it became necessary. The Board listened with open ears. The result of their discussion was that the physical structure should come from private construction and a tax rate levied to take care of the operating expenses. This has been my contention all along. And each member of the board pledged \$500 — that's \$2500 on the start.

Duplin has a famous son in Durham who is very wealthy and incidentally, is interested in hospitals. Wouldn't it be nice to have a "John Sprunt Hospital" in Kenansville? Who can give him the right touch?

Legionnaires Are Urged To Join The Parade

The Chas. R. Gavin Post of the American Legion in Warsaw extends a cordial invitation to all Legion Posts to come to Warsaw November 11th, and join the parade.

Come on boys and wear your uniform. We have some good entertainment for you.

Our Soldiers Are Coming Home — To Rest

Every soldier who died in the service of his country and is now resting in the far-flung battlefield cemeteries of the world was the beloved son, husband, brother or sweetheart of some woman. Had the war lasted longer there would be many more homes where sorrow and a memory and a Purple Heart are poignant reminders of a great sacrifice. Those who did not return made it possible for you to continue the traditional freedoms of democracy.

A soldier's idea of a most fitting location for his final resting place is a grave near the scene of his remembrance with death. But, since the beginning of time, the living have buried their dead at home.

THE THREE STOOGES



"The Three Stooges" Be In Beulaville Next Monday; Be There In Person

THE THREE STOOGES, almost the last of the slapstick comedians and who are coming to the Model theatre in Beulaville Monday, Nov. 10, in their own FUN REVUE will tell you the movies are dangerous. "This may sound funny," the boys will all tell you, "but being hit in the puss or socked on the cranium isn't our definition of a lot of fun."

The Three Stooges have a show business for around 25 years, and since going into motion pictures the boys have literally given their all for their art. Shemp had his leg broken so bad, doing a knockabout routine in a picture, that he was almost crippled for life. Larry has checked into hospitals throughout the country with an assortment of injuries ranging from a cracked collar bone to a concussion of the brain. Moe Howard who acted as spokesman for his brother Shemp and his partner Larry Fine will tell you of his many trips in and out of hospitals. "I've had my ribs broken several times," Moe will tell you, "and still have a twisted finger to remind me of the time Larry came down too hard on my hand when I was reaching for a cigar butt."

Appearing in the June Carr-Ron Ormond attraction at the Model theatre this appearance marks the first time the Three Stooges have appeared down south. With them on the stage are Chris Randall, The Rodeo Revelers and a host of other nationally known names from motion pictures and the stage.

Armistice Days I Remember

By ELLA B. WOMACK
WARSAW, N. C.

November 11, 1947 will make the 28th celebration of Armistice Day in Warsaw. In all that time not one day has been marred by rain. Sometimes clouds have hooved menacingly overhead but always the day ended without rain. Pre-dominantly the sun has shone and the sky with its sun, moon and stars has added its contribution to making it a wonderful day.

Years ago, the writer of this article who has never missed an Armistice Day celebration in Warsaw, enjoyed getting up with the dawn of day to watch the hundreds of people arrive in buggies, carts, wagons and cars. They came early and stayed late.

No disorderly conduct ever marred the day, and there were thousands of visitors here who came from far and near to celebrate the day and to greet friends and renew lifelong friendships.

For years barbecue dinners for the veterans were a feature of the occasion and attractive floats reminiscent of the World War and the War Between The States were entered in the parade from Kenansville, Faison, Calypso, Magnolia and the schools and organizations of Warsaw.

Following the parade, many notable speakers have added much to the day's events.

At one time a Ford car was given to the one holding the lucky number for admission to the afternoon ball game.

Another feature which has added much to the occasion is the carnival, which has been a joy and delight to the children and which has always been clean and enjoyable to both young and old.

Each Armistice Day has ended with a dance, with a good band furnishing the music. For years it was held in the Faison Warehouse, the center of which was elaborately decorated for the occasion and where hundreds of people enjoyed the rhythm of good music.

Booths with interesting exhibits by the county schools and a number of prominent business firms, were placed around three sides of the building and attracted many sightseers. No admission was charged except to the gentlemen dancing.

A carnival spirit has always marked the day yet deep down in the hearts of the people was a feeling of gratitude for peace after war and for America's freedom and "America The Beautiful."

MUSTARD & GRAVY

"Mustard and Gravy" famous blackface comedy team of radio will be on hand for the Armistice Celebration. They will present two shows, one at 10:00 p. m. and another at 11:00 p. m.

Johnny Archer's Orchestra Will Play For Armistice Big Dance



MARY STEVENS

Johnny Archer, who brings his popular band to the Warsaw High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, November 11 from 9 p. m. till 1 a. m. for the Armistice Day Dance sponsored by the Warsaw American Legion Post, firmly believes in the old maxim, "the customer is always right," for the music he offers is especially designed to please every type of musical taste known to the dancing public.

Archer's musical library was written to the dictates of all dancers, and consequently, the orchestra is always prepared to play practically any request from the floor. The orchestra's specialty is smooth music designed for the type of dancer the band has most often encountered in the spots it has played, which includes the best in the South. But the band's abilities are not limited, for it handles equally well any type of music, whether it be a rumba, tango waltz, or a "jump" tune for the jitterbug.

This versatility, which is found in only a few musical organizations, probably accounts for the orchestra's recent surge in popularity. Archer's group, which is comprised of nine men and a girl has shattered attendance records at such top spots as the Cavalier Beach Club at Virginia Beach, and was held over by popular demand for fourteen consecutive weeks at Myrtle Beach's fashionable Ocean Forest Hotel.

Featured vocalist with the band is Mary Stevens, beautiful brunette, who was named Miss Rhode Island of 1945. Mary, besides copping several beauty contest honors, has been widely acclaimed as one of the promising young vocalists in the dance orchestra business. Her beauty and talented voice never fail to hold any audience in rapturized silence.



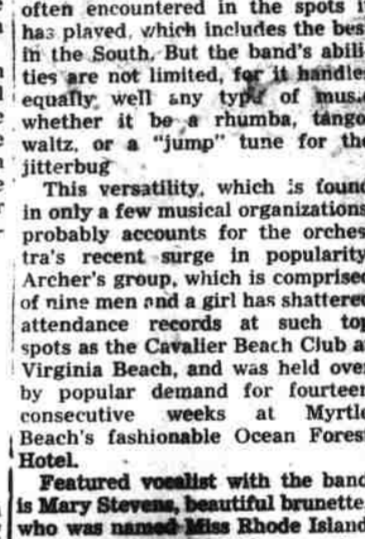
G. S. BEST

We like this fellow. The writer has, all his life, been accused of liking to talk. So when G. S. and I get together there is something going on.

Mr. Best took over as manager of the Quinn-McGowan Co., in Warsaw after the tragic death of the late Mr. "Jack" Quinn. G. S. has not only carried on the business but has expanded considerably. They now have a store in Beulaville. The Duplin Burial Association, a baby of the company, has offices in Jacksonville and Burgaw.

G. S. not only likes the furniture business, but he is a successful farmer as well. He is the son of the late Sheriff Best of Duplin. J. R. G.

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WALTER BRIDGERS

Popular Postmaster in Warsaw. It is said, especially in Duplin, that the Postmaster is the laziest man in the county. Knowing Walter, "Les" Williams in Kenansville, and "Bogie" Johnson in Wallace, who had to give it up, sometimes we wonder.

However, Walter is a very efficient postmaster and doing a swell job — Warsaw's 2nd class post office. It is hoped the new Federal Post Office Building will get under way soon. Walter has a very efficient staff to help him. Speaking of laziness, I'm reminded of the story of the late Sheriff and Postmaster Bob Edwards in Goldsboro. Not so very long after he took over as Postmaster a friend approached him in a drug store and said, "I thought you were supposed to be at work," whereupon Mr. Edwards replied, "When I accepted this job I was not told that there was any work connected with it." J. R. G.



A. BROOKS

Know him folks? Is there anyone in Duplin County who doesn't know him?

Mr. Brooks, owner of Brooks Department Store in Warsaw, and a close friend of the writer, is of highest Jewish extraction. He was born in Lithuania 56 years ago. In 1910 he came to the U. S. at the suggestion of relatives in Rowland, N. C. He landed in New York, remained there a few days and proceeded on to Rowland. In 1913 he and his partner Mr. Margolis opened Margolis and Brooks Dept Store in Warsaw. Some few years later Mr. Brooks bought out the Margolis interests and became sole owner.

He married the former Mary Ellis of Bolton, Miss. who has been his steady standby since. They have three children: Mrs. Harry Stein of Fayetteville, Mrs. Marshall Solomon of Richmond, and Sidney, his son who is now the understudy in the business.

Mr. Brooks is a Rotarian, a Mason and contributes generously to any worthy cause. He is reserved and dignified, yet is very liberal minded. He is loyal to his Jewish faith yet at times he will attend the Christian churches of Warsaw. A. Brooks can unquestionably be called one of Warsaw's "first citizens." J. R. G.

Duplin Man Poses As Officer And Gets In Jail

"Pete" Holland of near Kenansville was a guest of the County on Monday night when officers let him remain in jail.

Holland was arrested Monday afternoon when he was reportedly molesting a Goldsboro saleswoman at Vets' Service Station. "Pete" was posing as an officer, according to reports, and attempting to collect money from the lady. An observer stepped to the phone and called Police Thomas Rogers who immediately arrested Holland.