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Wallace Man Named Head Of Duplin Boy Scout District

The Duplin district Boy Scout committee met Friday night in the Allsville Presbyterian church. The meeting was held in connection with the Duplin district court of honor, which followed the board meeting.

A dinner was served by mothers of the Scouts of Troop 47 which is sponsored by the church. Approximately 150 persons attended.

Earl W. Fairies of Wallace was elected chairman of the district and C. Thompson of Warsaw, vice chairman. William M. Ingram of Kenansville was elected district commissioner and the following committee chairmen were named: organization and extension, Clifton Kennedy of Wallace; leadership and training, Bob Herring of Rose Hill; advancement, John J. Diefel of Warsaw; camping and activities, G. Morrison of Kenansville; health and safety, Dr. G. V. Gooding of Kenansville.

Following Mr. Fairies' election, it was stated that during 1948 every man on the district committee and parents would have to devote a great deal of time to the Scouting program in the district if the program is to be made effective and membership increased. He announced that there are at present active Boy Scout Troops in the district and three Cub Packs. There is a great need for additional troops and packs.

During the meeting Mr. Ingram announced that the annual council meeting will be held in Goldsboro Monday, January 26. Many of the people present indicated that they plan to attend this meeting.

The following awards for advancement were made during the court of honor: second class, Robert Eddle, Paul Thigpen, Cecil Carter of troop 47; first class, Bertram Miller, Lindell Thigpen of troop 47; Eagle bronze palm, Bob Ingram, troop 50.

Merit badges: Steve Gooding, painting; Donald Murphy, public health, personal health, both of troop 50; Tommie Wells of Troop home repair; and from Troop Bobby Miller, woodwork, painting; Reuben Earl Mercer, painting; R. Mercer, woodwork, painting; Murphy Thigpen, woodcarving; and Miller, painting.

Red Cross Notes

Ten men's bath robes made of red and brown beacon cloth were pressed this week by the Red Cross here to the Veterans Hospital in Alexandria, La. This work was done by the production corps. Mrs. N. Boney, Executive Secretary, presented to express special thanks to S. S. W. Newton and Miss Dorcas Wightman who helped with this work.

The following letter was received from Mrs. Madam:

As Ft. Benning is such a large military post, we treat many wives and children of servicemen at this hospital. There is a particularly active maternity section here and frequently have calls for help with clothing for new babies.

Some of the bibs which we have received from your area office have the label of your chapter sewed to them. We want to express our appreciation to you for making these available to us.

The patients and our staff are most grateful for these bibs.

Mrs. Margaret Strickland,
Sincerely yours,
Assistant Field Director
AA Station Hospital.

Home From Hosp.

Miss Frances Stephens, who has been an operative patient in the Goldsboro Hospital, returned on Monday.

Senator R. D. Johnson, who underwent an operation in James Walker Hospital Saturday night, returned home Wednesday and is sitting along fine.

Mr. Frank McGowan of Kenansville was carried to James Walker Hospital Saturday night, where he received treatment for several days. His sister, Mrs. O. H. Best was with him.

Mrs. Chesney Boney who under

Rev. J. G. Morrison Relates Of Flying Trip To Miami Air Races

by J. G. MORRISON
My good friend, Bob Grady, has asked that I jot down for him a few of the highlights of my recent flying trip to the All-American Air Races in Miami, Fla. Since Bob is good enough to furnish me with a free subscription to his weekly journal, I am taking this opportunity to repay him for an issue or two by editing this brief travelogue. However, I am going to write of only one half of our trip as I want to leave a little space for some Duplin news this week.

On January 7th I flew over to Clinton, N. C. and picked up my passenger, Dr. Harry Williams of Roseboro, N. C., at 8:30 a. m. and started on the first leg of our trip, which was to Georgetown, S. C. The weather was cold and clear and at 3,000 feet elevation we could see 35 miles in each direction. Our course took us over Elizabethtown, Clarkton, Tabor City, and Conway, S. C. When we were about 25 miles from Georgetown we could begin to see the smoke from the large Kraft Paper Mill that is located there. We landed at the big Marine airfield that is just outside of town and filled up with gasoline for our next hop which was to Charleston, S. C. One of the things that we noticed from the air was the vast number of abandoned rice fields that formerly produced so much of our rice crop during the pre-civil war days when slave labor was used in this section. We flew directly over Paris Island and saw the big Marine Base where so many in the Marine Corps receive their basic training. When we arrived in Charleston, both Dr. Williams and I were ready for some lunch, so a hamburger stand adjoining the field did a rush business for a short period of time. The weather was ideal so finishing our lunch we took off for Savannah and arrived at the Wilmington Island Airfield at 3 o'clock. On this leg of our trip we flew over nothing but swamp and marsh land for over 60 miles. Dr. Williams remarked to me that "he would certainly hate to be paying taxes on what we were flying over." After a 15 minute stretch we took off for Jacksonville where we landed at Craig Field and caught up with the other planes that were from Clinton. We still had about an hour's flying time left, so we all decided to fly on to Daytona Beach and spend the night there.

Soon after we took off from Jacksonville we were over the oldest town in America, St. Augustine, and I flew a little off our course so we could circle over old Ft. Marion, as Dr. Williams hadn't seen this historic fort before. We arrived at Daytona Beach about 15 minutes before sunset and then our plane down for the night alongside the three other planes from Clinton. We spent the night in the Prince George Hotel, which overlooks the wide beach on which so many former automobile speed records have been set.

On Wednesday morning we took off at 10 o'clock for Miami and our course took us directly down the beach on the East Coast. From the air we could almost always see an airfield that either the Army or Navy had built for patrol or training purposes during the recent war. We landed at Ft. Pierce for lunch and gasoline. While there we went out to see an orange grove and heard quite a bit of complaining about the low prices that were being received for this year's crop. Some friends of ours there offered to give us a bushel of choice oranges to take with us but we had to decline the offer as we were afraid that our already overloaded plane wouldn't be able to get off the ground. We left for Miami about 1:00 o'clock and from then on flew directly down the beach at a rather low altitude so we could see at close range many of the palatial homes that are on the beach between Palm Beach and Miami. At Palm Beach we made two circles over a Polo game that was in progress and enjoyed our free seats to the contest.

At 2:30 we could see the skyline of Miami and in 15 minutes more we were in the air at Boney South

the city. We were met at the airport by my brother John, who riddled us quite a bit about our coats and overcoats which we were now carrying and were definitely excess baggage with the thermometer in the high eighties. That night at 10:30 we went out to the International Airport to see my brother Junius land a "Constellation" that he had flown non-stop from Chicago with 58 passengers in 4 hours and 10 minutes.

On Thursday we went out to the Opa Locha Airfield where the air races were being held. I especially enjoyed the midjet plane races and the P-80 jet squadron of 24 planes from Washington, D. C. in their runs past the grandstand, they were traveling well over 600 miles per hour. One of the jet plane pilots that I met was a Cape Hall from Roseboro, N. C., who told us of their trip from Washington, D. C. to Miami, which they made in one hour and fifty-eight minutes.

Three twin engine night fighter planes from the Marine Base at Cherry Point, N. C. put on an excellent exhibit of formation acrobatics. Then the planes turned off the right motor and went through the same movements with only one motor flying each plane.

This running account could go on indefinitely but with a shortage of newspaper I had better close before Bob runs out of paper. Our trip was most enjoyable and was made in 8 1/2 hours.

Funeral Held For H. L. Lanier

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon from the home for Hosea Lewis Lanier, 66, of the Concord community a few miles West of Magnolia, conducted by Rev. J. B. Sessoms of the Concord Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lanier died suddenly at his home Tuesday night.

He is survived by his wife, the former Laura Ann Parker of Chinoque; four sons, L. J. and Charlie of Wilmington, John Lewis of Wallace, Hosea of the home; three daughters, Mrs. M. L. Brinson of Wallace, Mrs. Alvin Casteen of the home and Mrs. Clifton Holland of Wilmington.

B. F. G. 4-H Meets

The B. F. Grady Senior 4-H Club met in the school auditorium on January 19. The program was as follows: Jewel Ann Sheppard read the Bible and led the club in the Lord's Prayer; Maebelle Outlaw led the club in singing "God Bless America"; Martha Southerland "Indian Lullaby"; Anise Kelly played "Near You"; After the program we discussed our projects and received our project books. Also the 4-H Camp was discussed.

Estelle Waller, Reporter.

C & D Board Meet

The Board of Conservation and Development will hold its quarterly meeting in Raleigh Jan. 26, 27, and 28, it was announced by Director R. B. Etheridge.

Etheridge invited any person having business with the board to appear at this time. Petitions will be received, delegations heard, and division head reports read.

SMALLER POTATO ACREAGE IS INDICATED IN 1948

Raleigh, Jan. 19 — Producers of commercial early Irish potatoes in North Carolina indicate that they expect to plant 28,400 acres in 1948, or two percent less than they harvested in 1947, according to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. North Carolina's intended acreage is a big drop from the 1947 average of 28,800 acres. Last year's harvested acreage was 28,000.

Church Women Are Urged Be More Active

In club and church organizations "Status of Women" are beginning to be stressed. In the Methodist Church, every Woman's Society of Christian Service is asked to appoint a secretary in order to get our women to serve in some special capacity, such as to visit shut-ins and new folk; to accept part on programs; to act as hostesses in church; to help in the church school or become a member of the choir; take charge of publicity; furnish transportation; aid with scout work or help in church nursery; to accept any office the church needs her services for and serve in any needed capacity.

RESOLUTION

The Duplin County Board of Health met October 22, 1947, and passed the following Ordinance to be effective February 1, 1948.

Be it ordained by the Duplin County Board of Health, that after February 1, 1948 the following Rules and Regulations shall be in force in the County of Duplin for further protection of public health.

MEAT MARKET ORDINANCE

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell to the final consumer fresh meat unless the same has been slaughtered in an approved abattoir, and bears an approved stamp.

Sec. 2. If any person, firm or corporation shall violate this ordinance, he, she or they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty dollars nor more than thirty days or both at the discretion of the court.

This ordinance was passed for the protection of the people of Duplin County and we expect your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
G. V. Gooding, M. D.
Health Officer.
W. M. Buck,
Sanitarian.

Abattoirs in Duplin County are: D. L. Wells of Wallace and West & Sutton of Warsaw.

Waccamaw Hits Million Mark In Capital Account

The 23rd annual stockholders meeting of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was held in the banking room of the Whiteville office of the bank Friday afternoon. Clyde Council of Wananish, president of the institution, presided at the meeting in which more than 90 per cent of the 200 stockholders were represented.

J. N. Coburn of Whiteville, executive vice president, reported a successful year's operation. Net earnings after taxes and reserves amounted to \$5.10 per share, of which \$1.50 was distributed to stockholders in dividends during the year. At the end of the year, capital accounts for the bank totaled \$1,008,027.21, or \$50.40 per share.

President Council stated that it would continue to be the policy of the bank to retain the greater portion of its earnings in capital structure, giving greater protection to its ability to adequately serve its customers.

At the meeting the former board of directors were reelected.

1948 Potato Goals Mailed To Duplin County Farmers

The 1948 Potato Goals were mailed to farmers of Duplin County on January 16, 1948, states Joe E. Sloan, chairman, Duplin County A. C. A. Producers may plant through 2.9 acres with a goal but goals were established for producers with 3 acres or more.

A "New" potato farm is one on which potatoes have not been planted since 1943 and on which the 1948 farm operator's personal history since 1943 is not used in ap-

Wife Walks Into Home And Finds Husband On Floor Burned To Death



George Turner, age 51, was found burned to death in his home by his wife Tuesday afternoon as she returned from helping a neighbor in hog killing.

The Turners lived on the Surratt farm between Warsaw and the Red Store crossroads.

According to reports Turner, a tenant farmer, went to work early Tuesday morning. About 10 o'clock he returned home. Nothing was seen or heard of him any more that day until Mrs. Turner returned. As she entered the farm house she saw her husband lying in the floor dead. All clothing except his shoes, socks, and underwear below his knees were burned off. His body was about three feet from a chair. A pipe lay on the floor near one foot. The seat and a number of rounds in the chair were burned out. Three holes were burned thru the linoleum and floor; one hole about 10 inches in diameter.

Officers were notified. They reported he was subject to fits. Corporal C. B. Sitterson investigated Tuesday night and ruled the death an accident. An inquest was deemed unnecessary. Reports say some of his neighbors believed it was suicide. A tin can containing some kerosene was found on a table in the room.

He is survived by his widow, the former Annie Jane Taylor of near Seven Springs and one daughter of the home.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Taylor family cemetery near Seven Springs on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Conducted by Rev. Reuben Jones of Kinston.

Kenansville Enters Drive To "Fill A Ship With Friendship"

Cooperating in North Carolina's drive to "Fill a Ship with Friendship" Kenansville will begin its appeal for overseas relief on Jan. 26. J. G. Morrison, chairman, announced today.

North Carolina was a leader in the field of overseas giving during 1946 and 1947, and the state-wide campaign scheduled for February 26-31 will be its primary effort toward maintaining that reputation in 1948.

In Kenansville, the drive is being sponsored by the Community Council of Churches and the Woman's Club.

The plan of action is as follows: Anyone that has any bed clothing, clothes, shoes, toys, candles, or canned foods in tin, that can be given, are asked to bring these articles to the Club room at the Masonic Building for packing and shipment.

If you are not able to bring them please notify Mrs. N. B. Boney and she will have one of the Girl Scouts stop by and pick up whatever articles you may have.

It is expected that the material gathered from the entire state will be enough to form a complete ship's cargo. The goods will be sent to the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Md., where it will be packed and shipped overseas from there.

Frank Byrd Is Laid To Rest At Oak Plain

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at Oak Plain Presbyterian Church for Lewis Frank Byrd, Jr. age 35, who died at his old homestead in the Oak Plain Community Monday night at 11:45. Mr. Byrd had been in ill health for some time. Services were in charge of Rev. F. M. Bain, pastor of the church, of which the deceased was a deacon and for a number of years served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Interment was in the church cemetery. He is survived by his widow, the former Ruby Merritt; his mother, Mrs. L. F. Bain, Sr.; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Wells of Kenansville, Mrs. L. K. Hamilton of Fayetteville, Mrs. H. G. Finch of Raleigh; and two brothers, B. V. and D. O., of Rose Hill; three uncles, D. F. and W. L. Byrd of Wallace and L. A. Beasley of Kenansville.

Frank McGowan Ill In Hospital

Frank McGowan of Kenansville was taken to the James Walker Hospital last Saturday. His condition is reported as serious.

plying the standard of past potato acreage. The final date for accepting applications for new farm goals is January 26, 1948.

Azalea Garden Is Sold For \$150,000.

Airline noted azalea garden in Wilmington has been purchased from Mrs. John Russell Pope by W. A. Corbitt, also of Wilmington, for a reputed price of \$150,000.00.

J. T. Gresham, Sr. Dies Warsaw Home

By Mrs. Ella Womack
Funeral services for John Thomas Gresham, Sr., were held from the home on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3 p. m. with the Rev. G. V. Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist church, the Rev. Eugene Clarke, of the Presbyterian church and the Rev. A. M. Williams of the Methodist church conducting the rites.

Mr. Gresham had been ill for three weeks but was seriously ill only two days before his death. He was born and reared in Beaulieu, the son of the late John William and Mary Caroline Gresham, who belonged to one of the outstanding pioneer families of Eastern Duplin County.

He went to Warsaw in 1896, and was associated with his uncle, the late S. E. Hines, in the mercantile business for several years, resigning to accept a position with the D. L. Gore Company of Wilmington as traveling salesman. After the death of Mr. Gore, Mr. Gresham and two others of the company employees opened the Sterling Grocery Co. in Wilmington. That business closed during the depression, and Mr. Gresham accepted a position with the Laurinburg Milling Co. which he held until his death.

Mr. Gresham married Miss E. Vella Johnson, the daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. S. A. Johnson of Warsaw, on Aug. 4, 1908, who died in 1946. He had made his home in Warsaw since his marriage. He joined the Episcopal Church where it was erected on the street near his home and continued his faith after the dissolution of the church. He was a devoted husband and father, always thinking first of those who he loved.

Interment was in Pinecrest Cemetery.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Paul Potter, and one son, J. T. Gresham, Jr., both of Warsaw; four sisters, Mrs. J. C. Whaley, Mrs. W. Kennedy, Mrs. I. J. Sandlin, Sr., all of Beaulieu, and Mrs. L. C. Turner of Pink Hill, one brother, S. W. Gresham, four grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Brother Rose Hill Woman Dies

William Franklin Whitfield, Fayetteville life insurance agent, died Tuesday in a hospital there after a long illness. He was a native of Clinton but had lived in Fayetteville eight years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Merle Whitfield; two sons, his mother, Mrs. Lola Whitfield of Greensboro; three brothers, H. W., of Charlotte, Milton and Fitzhugh of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister Mrs. William H. Fussell of Rose Hill. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in Clinton from Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church.