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## Warsaw Practically Assured Of Meat Processing Plant Near Future

By O. O. PHILLIPS

Mr. B. T. Lundy of Berwick, Pa., a New England meat-packing executive, told members of Warsaw's Rotary Club at their regular scheduled meeting recently in Mitchner's Restaurant, that he was strongly impressed with the advantages offered by Warsaw for establishing a \$300,000 meat packing plant. Later in the evening he further stated to Aubrey L. Cavanaugh, President of Warsaw Merchants Association, that if he had to make a statement then he would say the plant would be built in Warsaw, but he would rather take a few days to think the situation over before making a definite statement.

Mr. Lundy was accompanied to Warsaw by his own engineer, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. H. P. Cotton, Industrial Engineer with the State Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh. While in Warsaw the two industrial engineers made a thorough check of the resources and advantages offered for establishing a huge meat packing plant in Warsaw, and they stated that they were strongly impressed with the undeveloped resources as well as the location of Warsaw to the livestock producing areas of Eastern North Carolina.

In his talk to the Rotary Club Mr. Lundy stated if the plant was built in Warsaw he would buy around \$9,000,000.00 of livestock each year, hogs and cows and pay the Richmond market price daily to farmers, providing them with a nearby market for all their livestock at top market prices the year-around.

It was through the tireless efforts of Aubrey L. Cavanaugh, Mayor A. J. Jenkins, and R. E. Wall which brought Mr. Lundy to Warsaw to survey the advantages offered for establishing a meat packing plant in this part of the State.

Mr. Lundy owned and operated a similar meat packing plant in his native hometown of Berwick, Pa., for over 25 years, selling out about a year ago with plans to retire, but since disposing of his plant he has decided to get back into business with a plant near the livestock producing areas. While in North Carolina he and Mr. Jordan visited Rocky Mount and Clinton.

Before leaving Warsaw, Mr. Lundy promised Mr. Cavanaugh that he would make a definite decision within four or five days on whether the plant would come to Warsaw.

## County Agent's Office L. F. WEEKS

### DAIRY FIELD DAY:

There will be a Dairy Field Day at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Willard, N. C. on Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 10 A.M. In addition to the breeding work being carried on at the station dairymen will have an opportunity to observe the pasture and forage crop programs.

### BLUE MOLD:

Blue Mold has been reported in nearly every community in Duplin County. Well over half of the farmers are using Fermate attempting to ward off this disease.

A blue mold control demonstration was held on the farm of Walter Rhodes, April 2, with 34 growers attending. A power sprayer developing 250 pounds pressure was used to impress the group of the importance of using sprayers that would develop ample pressure that would apply the spray in the form of a very fine fog. Other types of sprayers and dusters were taken to the demonstration to show the different methods of applying Fermate to plant beds. Mr. Rhodes is planning to apply at least two applications of spray weekly to his 400 yards of plant bed with the power sprayer developing 250 lbs. pressure. Growers are watching to see if the power sprayer will do a better job of controlling blue mold than the small weak sprayers that some are using.

**First Strawberries**

J. C. Jenkins picked two crates of Blackmore Strawberries Monday morning at his farm 2 miles north of Warsaw. He sold them on the Warsaw market for \$10.00 each.

## Duplin District Scouting Roundtable Held In Rose Hill Last Week

The Duplin Scouting Roundtable was held in the Community Building in Rose Hill last week. Troop representatives from Faison, Warsaw, Kenansville, Outlaws Bridge, B. F. Grady, Wallace and Rose Hill were present. Arrangements for a barbecue supper were under the direction of Bob Herring, assisted by the Troop Committee members of Troop No. 45.

C. H. Millard, Scoutmaster of Troop 48, Faison, conducted a discussion on teaching Signaling and the best methods of teaching this activity. Several different types of signaling demonstrations were given.

Earl Faires, assisted by John Diefell and Clifton Knowles of Wallace, presented a demonstration of teaching First Aid treatment in case of accidents. The group was instructed in proper methods of giving artificial respiration and other phases of First Aid work. Henry Ziblin of Wallace led the group in a Scout game.

Bob Herring, Chairman of Leadership Training for Duplin County, announced that the next Roundtable Meeting would be held in Faison on Tuesday, May 4th at 7 P.M. The first part of this meeting will be an outdoor chicken stew supper, followed by the group meeting at the Faison Community Building, with the program devoted to "Troop Meeting Planning and Patrol Operation".

The following were present: Davis Brinson, W. M. Ingram, J. E. Jerritt, Kenansville; Clifton Knowles, Earl Faires, John Diefell, Henry Ziblin, David Powell, Wallace; Rev. L. C. Prater, Outlaws Bridge; Bob Herring, Erchey Lanier, H. E. Latham, Carl Williams, H. M. Price C. T. Fussell, Rhodes Young, Rose Hill; J. C. Thompson, Lee Brown Rev G. V. Stephens, John Fornville, Warsaw; and C. H. Millard, Faison.

Tommy Fussell, Joe Hart Scott, Harry O. Scott, Charles Teachev, Scouts from Troop 45, Rose Hill, served supper and helped with the opening ceremony. R. L. Wolff, Scout Executive, assisted Mr. Herring.



LEWIS W. OUTLAW

Prominent farmer of Duplin County, director of REA and fighter of the farmer's battles filed Wednesday to run for the House of Representatives. He served Duplin in that body for the first time last session and feels he is in a position to serve the County better now. As far as is known he will have no opposition.

## Evelyn Kornegay Praised At ECTC

The following was taken from a letter given to Miss Evelyn Kornegay at ECTC, from Dean Jenkins of that institution:

"In looking over our students' records, we find that your name occurs among those doing outstanding work during this winter quarter. The faculty and staff wish to commend you for this, and wish to express the hope that you will continue such work during your college career."

Miss Kornegay is a graduate of B. F. Grady School, Class of '47.

## Duplin's Red Cross Goal Is Still Lagging To Date

The progress of the American Red Cross Fund Campaign for 1948 in Duplin County on April 14 shows that Kenansville and Potter's Hill are the only two districts, out of thirteen, that have surpassed their quotas but reports are still coming in and Ralph J. Jones, Campaign Manager of the Duplin

County Chapter, hopes that others will continue to plug along until they meet their respective quotas. If you have not already made your donation, maybe you have missed the canvassers, so send in your contribution to your district chairman immediately.

## Cub Leaders' Training Session Is Held In Kenansville

An all day Training Session was held in the Community Building, Kenansville, on Tuesday, April 6, for Cub Scout Leaders throughout Duplin County. Representatives were in attendance from the four Packs that are organized at the present time: Outlaws Bridge, Beaufort, Wallace and Kenansville.

The Training Session was under the direction of R. L. Wolff, Scout Executive and W. M. Craven, Field Scout Executive of the Tuscarora Council.

The following subjects were discussed in detail: General Principles of the Cub Scouting Program; Responsibilities of all Cub Scout Leaders; Program Planning and Operation of the Den and Pack; and Cub Scout Advancement, Handicraft, Special Projects, Etc. The representatives requested that special programs be developed for parents with view of training them with their relationship to the Cub Scouting Program, and be conducted in the communities where there are Cub Scout Packs at the present time.

Announcement was made that the Cub Scout Pack plans to have an outdoor picnic supper meeting in the latter part of May. Cub Scouts from throughout Duplin County will be invited to participate in this and at that time it is

## BOB GRADY SAYS

For the past 15 years I have been talking, preaching and writing that Duplin County should develop some industrial plants to process our agricultural products. We are not naturally located for cotton mills, etc. A furniture factory or a pulp mill would fit in fair.

Warsaw has awakened and gone after the practical industry, a meat processing or packing plant. At one time Duplin and Pitt counties tied in leadership in the State for production of hogs. Growing of cattle is on the increase and White's Ice Cream Co. in Wilmington should work out a route over the county. It might not pay off at first but Duplin farmers find they have a ready market for their products, meat, hog, milk or cows, they will respond wholeheartedly. We have a fine group of farmers who want to make money but to date tobacco has been their only guarantee.

We salute you, Warsaw, you are moving along the practical lines.

Hettie Blanton was in town a few days ago. Someone asked him if Charlie Johnson's opponents would get any votes in Duplin. Hettie replied "There's still a few infidels left in the county." You can always depend on Hettie for a come-back.

Saturday is the last day to file for office so The Times will carry a complete list of candidates next week.

## DRIVE IN!

By JOHN SYKES

There have been times since I became a citizen of Duplin for the express purpose of beating the drum, thumping the tub, or just plain press-agenting the bustling town of Wallace, the world's largest strawberry auction market and the world's largest one-sale, bright leaf tobacco market, that I would have happily committed mayhem upon the person of the Editor of the Duplin Times.

That's a heck of an admission, or confession, for a public relations man who must depend upon the generosity of editors in general for his existence.

But I hope you'll find, now that we're starting this weekly screed in Bob Grady's newspaper, I'm inclined to be frank to the point of rudeness.

All in good fun, though.

During last tobacco season when Wallace was piling up the largest sale record of any one-set-of-buyers market in the whole world, there were a few moments out of

each 24 hours when I longed to live in some remote sphere where there were no telephones.

You see, in my kind of work - writing this, writing that - you spend a greater portion of your time, day and night, on the long distance telephone. Last fall, along about midnight when I thought I'd scream if an operator buzzed another time in my ear, I renewed an acquaintance with Editor Grady that started, casually enough, some 10 years ago.

Only the guy never did come right out into the open to renew that acquaintanceship. No Nothing like that. I'd never even hear from the guy until after I'd crawled wearily into bed sometime shortly before dawn. Then there'd come a banging at my door and a sleepy voice would say: "Kenansville's calling you."

Business of wishing Alexander Graham Bell hadn't ever fiddled around with traveling the human voice by electric impulses.

Of course, Kenansville would be Bob Grady. He wanted to know something about the tobacco market. Naturally, I was happy to tell him about that. That's what they pay me to do.

But didn't this Bob Grady know anything about the human system that requires at least a couple of hours of sleep each night?

I'm convinced he didn't then. And he doesn't now.

A night or so ago I was in my office trying to catch up on some work my procrastinating nature had caused me to neglect.

The phone rang. It was Editor Grady.

"When," he said, in a voice that was a mite testy, "are you going to send some stuff to my paper?"

"Oh, well, just skip the rest of the conversation."

When you read this, if, indeed,

you do, you'll see what my answer

## Judge Burney Passes Death Sentence On James West Here Wednesday

### John J. Diefell Presides Over Duplin District Court Of Honor



ALBRO JAMES

Albro James of Cypress Creek Township has thrown his hat into the ring for County Commissioner, representing Cypress Creek and Limestone Townships. Mr. James was born and raised below Chinquapin and has always been a farmer. At present he has 2300 turkeys on his farm. He also is an extensive tobacco grower. Mr. James is a member of an old, staunch and respected family of lower Cypress Creek.

## RUSTY WINS

TAKEN FROM THE NEWS AND VIEWS OF JACKSONVILLE, N. C.

"Rusty" a Collie owned by Judge Harvey Boney of Jacksonville, is probably the first Collie to win first prize in a dog contest from here.

The animal took honors in his class during the dog contest on Tuesday, April 6th in Durham, and again during the American Kennel Club dog contest in Greensboro on April 8th.

Owned by Judge Boney, the dog is eight months old and has never been entered in a contest before. He now has two blue ribbons and Judge Boney is being urged to enter him in other shows.

From week to week I hope to sit down and chat with you about anything that happens to pop into my mind about the time I figure Editor Grady is getting ready to scream his deadline is near and he doesn't have anything like enough stuff to fill his columns.

I wouldn't let Editor Grady know this if my life depended upon it. But, personally, I'm gratified that Editor Grady asked me to write for his paper.

I think I'd like all you folks who read this newspaper. And I don't know of any better way to become acquainted with you than to sit down and chat with you each week.

And, besides, maybe it's get this piece to him each week I won't have to grope around all night trying to find the light so I can see how to talk over the telephone with this Grady fellow.

Don't let me forget to tell you next week of the inside stuff on the Strawberry Jamboree we're going to have over here in Wallace April 29, 30 and May 1.

And, while I'm about it: Why don't you make it a point to be here in Wallace on those days?

Me? I'll be the fellow with the toothbrush moustache and the lack of curly blonde hair sitting on the third strawberry crate from the left.

Don't expect to produce a good crop without good seed.

Harvest time reveals the true story of quality seed.

North Carolina's strawberry crop came through the winter in airy good condition.

In 1870, there were four persons for every cow in the U. S. Now we have nearly 6 persons per cow,

but our people are getting about as much milk as they ever did.



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JAMES PETE WEST

"May the Almighty God have mercy on your soul" were the closing words of Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington in the court room here Wednesday afternoon as he pronounced the sentence of death on James (Pete) West, colored.

West stood calmly before the bench as Judge Burney sentenced him to die in the gas chamber May 14, one month from the day of his conviction. The jury was out a little more than three hours before they brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

West, a young man of 20, went on the stand and admitted he killed Walter J. Johnson, a white man, of Rockfish Township, 62 year old merchant. He gave as reason that he was drinking beer and that Mr. Johnson attacked him with an axe and he took the axe away from him and crushed his skull.

Following the killing, however, he robbed Mr. Johnson.

Evidence showed that on the preceding day he had an argument with Mr. Johnson over a check. Johnson's son came in during the argument and told his father to forget the check, it was for only \$5.00.

The next day West went to the store and an argument ensued. He grabbed an axe and split Johnson's head open.

Sheriff Ralph J. Jones went to New York where he found West selling ice and brought him back. The court appointed E. Walker Stevens to defend him and Mr. Stevens gave his best.

T. J. Gresham, Jr. of Jacksonville aided Solicitor Barker in the prosecution.

"The wages of sin are death."

## Attention Farmers Living Along The Northeast River

We believe you will be interested in the following communication the Times received from Col. Geo. Gillette of Wilmington, director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority. A copy has been forwarded to Congressman Graham Barden. The letter speaks for itself:

Wilmington, N. C.  
April 12, 1948

Mr. J. R. Grady,  
THE DUPLIN TIMES  
Kenansville, North Carolina.  
Dear Mr. Grady:

Following our conversation of two nights ago, and your letter of April 9, on the subject of doing something about the flood condition on the Northeast-Cape Fear, I have talked with the Engineer Office this morning and find that the report they are making as the result of the hearing held when I was District Engineer down here about 1½ or 2 years ago will be completed and will go forward the last of this month.

The report will go from here to Atlanta and from there to the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C. It should reach Washington within about a month. You will be notified of the action of the District Engineer; and at that time, we will decide what further steps are to be taken. If they have some solution for the thing, we will work on it.

I believe that something can be accomplished. It may take a little time to do