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DRIVE IN!

By JOHN SIKES

Maybe it won't ever come, but what we need in this country—and I'm meaning now specifically in Duplin County—is more sportsmanship in our political campaigns.

This particular piece of wishful thinking was prompted by the fact that last week some of the boys, who obviously are Kerr Scott supporters in the current gubernatorial campaign, pulled a job over in Kenansville that was unworthy of any political campaign, let alone one for so high a state office.

The Charlie Johnson supporters got themselves together and hired Kenneth Currie to paint them a couple all-the-way-across-the-street banners espousing the cause of Cousin Charlie. It was planned that the banners be on display across Kenansville streets in time for the County Democratic Convention.

The signs were put up and waving in the breeze telling the world that passed beneath them that they were "Johnson For Governor."

The morning after they were stretched across the street they were gone. The conclusion was that somebody, or somebodies, were far more interested in their real for Mr. Scott than they were for sportsmanship, fair play, and a lot of other good things that have made the American Way of Life something rather special in this world where there are a lot of sad, pathetic people because they do not follow the American Way of Life.

It isn't all because of the fact that I am a Johnson supporter that I personally deplore such tactics. The Johnson people can always get more signs to hang across the street.

It's just that I rather like the usual spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship that have become synonymous with good Americans and it gives me pause for a bit of sad thinking when somebody thoughtlessly comes along and pulls a trick like the Kenansville incident.

And, unless I have been completely fooled in people generally, the incident, instead of helping the Kerr Scott cause along, will actually hurt it. And, I believe, will give more of a boost to Charlie Johnson in Duplin County than if the signs had been untampered with in the first place.

The kind of folks that elect governors and senators, and presidents in this country don't employ such underhanded tactics.

Naturally, I don't know who did the job. And there's another thing. Usually the people who do such tricks do so underhandedly and under the dark cover of night.

Pulling down banners put up for a political candidate you aren't for reminds me somewhat of mobbing the umpire because he makes a decision that goes against your team.

Only in a case of the umpire the mobbing is usually done in broad open daylight and is prompted by the heat of the moment. Anyway, mobbing umpires is an old American custom, as much of a part of the game as a home run by Joe DiMaggio.

But Joe hits home runs right out there before everybody. And you "kill" umpires right out there in the open.

Candidates' signs, though don't ever get torn down before anybody. I suspect that one reason for this is that whoever does such a trick is ashamed of his actions even while he's doing it. It isn't that he's afraid of being caught. He just knows he's doing the wrong thing and he doesn't want anybody to see or know about it.

I'd like to see politics get back into the same groove as mobbing umpires and hitting home runs are in.

Everything open and above board. No stealth and skulduggery. Spirit of fighting hard for your candidate, but no sniping around night being unfair to the other guy.

I'm sort of glad most Americans play their politics in the sun.

When political shenanigans are pulled under cover of darkness in the way Russians, in their Communist real, do things.

It's not our way here in America, in North Carolina, in Duplin

Hail And Wind Damage Crops And Buildings Monday Afternoon

Duplin farmers suffered from rain, hail and wind Monday afternoon when a storm struck generally over the county and adjoining counties.

Tobacco, cotton and corn suffered most damage. Trees were uprooted in some sections and buildings and outhouses were damaged.

According to reports the worst hit section was about three miles south of Warsaw near the Carlton Crossing section. Charlie Glaspie, negro, lost his pack house. Meat was strewn 75 feet away in the field and his cotton and tobacco crops were a complete loss. In the neighborhood it was reported, 25 telegraph poles along the railroad were down and a number of telephone poles. Damage was reported to power lines. This section was

without power and telephone communication for several hours.

Two houses were blown down. Huge trees in yards and woods were uprooted.

Leon Merritt reports serious crop damage and one tobacco barn blown down. The roof was torn from the packhouse of Claude Rivenbark.

Beaulville reported a twister across one of Sandlin's fields that took the roof off a 20 X 20 cement block garage and tore down the rear end of the cement block garage leaving only two walls standing in the yard of H. G. Campbell. Trees were torn up but the truck in the garage escaped damage.

Farmers generally believe that crops have not advanced sufficiently for the damage to be fatal.

James Kenan Chapter UDC Memorial Services Held In Warsaw Sunday

By MRS. STACY BRITT

The James Kenan Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy held their annual Memorial Service Sunday, May 16, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with services in the Warsaw Baptist church.

Mrs. C. J. Brown, organist, used for the processional Handel's "Largo" during which time UDC members, Veterans of World War I and II, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Warsaw and Kenansville, entered carrying Confederate and American flags.

Mrs. R. L. West, president of the chapter, was presiding officer and opened the service with "How Firm a Foundation" followed by the invocation by the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the church. Judge H. L. Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw, Past National Commander of the American Legion, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. C. C. Crittendon, Director of North Carolina Historical Commission of Raleigh, who spoke interestingly of the courageous efforts of our southern forefathers who gallantly fought for common causes in The War Between the States, The Spanish American War, World War I, and the late World War II. At the conclusion of Dr. Crittendon's talk James Oreglia, of Warsaw, sang a solo, "My Buddy".

Mrs. C. F. Carroll, Recorder of Crosses, assisted by Mrs. West, bestowed the coveted Crosses of Military Service upon nineteen boys of World War II; namely, Ralph Leslie Best, Jr., Robert McDonald Brock, Lee Edward Brown, Robert Jackson Frederick, Vivian Best Johnson, John Anderson Johnson, Robert L. West and John Thomas Gresham, Jr.; by proxy the following received crosses, Norwood B. Boney, Jr., to his mother, Mrs. N. B. Boney, of Kenansville; Kenneth F. Brock, to his mother, Mrs. J. C. Brock; John Fonvielle, to his uncle R. E. Wall; Ernest F. Hussey, to his mother, Mrs. E. J. Hill; Rivers D. Johnson, Jr., to his father, R. D. Johnson, Sr.; Henry L. Stevens, III, to his father, Judge Stevens; William J. Taylor, to his mother, Mrs. W. E. Taylor; David L. Pow-

ell, to his father, J. A. Powell; Charles L. Powell, to his aunt, Mrs. Kathleen Powell Snyder; Davis B. Powell, to his aunt, Miss Eula Powell; and James H. Hines, to his aunt, Mrs. W. P. Bridges.

Following the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers", Mrs. C. A. Womack, Chapter Chaplain, read the roll call of deceased veterans and UDC members as follows:

Confederate Veterans - Lipmon Aaron, Silas Bass, Captain W. R. Bell, J. W. Best, Isaac Brown, L. R. Carroll, H. J. Carlton, M. D. Cooper, Munroe Ezell, Chris Frederick, Lemuel Hodges, Dr. Lafayette Hussey, A. Mos Herring, Captain S. A. Johnson, W. H. Kennedy, William Kennedy, James Loftin, W. H. Murray, Kenyon Merritt, Dr. J. B. Owen, H. H. Owen, Thomas Buckner Peirce, John Pollock, Tom Rogers, Calvin Rogers, James Strickland, David Stevens, Edward D. Walker, William Winders, and Thomas McCaig.

Spanish American War Veterans - Rev. G. W. Rollins, Dr. J. H. Newberry, R. C. Pridden, and Alfred DeNopolis.

World War I Veterans - Vivian Best, Henderson Bridges, Cleveland Blackburn, Marion Holland, Harry Woodward, Snyder Woodward, and Charles R. Gavin.

World War II Veterans - Chauncey Evis Boney, Bob Buck, Samuel R. Bowden, Jr., Harold Hales, Larry Bostic, Charles Leonard Peirce, Bill Steele Wilson, Richard Jordan, Ben Claude Brock, Claude Garner, James Grady, and Cecil Wiggs.

UDC deceased members - Mesdames W. L. Hill, F. L. Faison, Ernest Hussey, H. F. Peirce, James H. Peirce, J. H. Newberry, Frank Fonvielle, Lou Mitchell Faison, Kate Hill Loftin, Fannie Timmons Woodward, T. B. Peirce, Alice Brown, Laura Carroll Wells, Winifred Peirce Best, J. T. Gresham, Sr., Margaret Peirce Orme, Jermina Carroll, O. P. Middleton, and Misses Sallie Hill and Harriett Hodges.

After the roll call George Best, Jr., bugler, sounded "Taps" and closed the impressive service.

Commencement Exercises In Warsaw Schools

The 1948 commencement exercises in the Warsaw schools got under way last week with the preliminaries and finals in the recitation-declamation contest. Medals of merit were presented little Miss Nina Garner and Alan Holmes in the Primary department and to Miss Jo Anne Britt and George West in the Grammar grades.

The annual Baccalaureate sermon was held Sunday evening May 16, at 8:30 in the high school auditorium. Miss Betty West was commencement pianist and after the processional of the seniors and mascots, Miss Patsy Hill and Master Bill Rollins, the congregation sang "Come Thou Almighty King", followed by the invocation by the Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the Warsaw Methodist church. The High School glee club an anthem "La Largo" by Handel.

Rev. Eugene Clark of the Presbyterian church introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Wade H. Allison, pastor of Emanuel Presbyterian church in Wilmington. After the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" Rev. Clark pronounced the benediction and the recessional.

Class night was observed on Wednesday evening with a wedding uniting Miss Senior Class and Mr. Life of Service, which was most enjoyable and inspiring. The bride, Miss Estelle Stancell, was given in marriage by her father, Principal J. P. Harmon, to wed Billy Ray Cotton, the groom. Little Miss Patsy Hill was the miniature bride and Bill Rollins the ring bearer. Officiating minister was James DeLuca. Prior to the ceremony Miss Barbara Thompson, pianist, gave a program of nuptial selections and Miss Sarah Gaylor, soloist, sang "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life" and "O Promise Me". Attending the bride were Mrs. Rhoda Cotton Bland, as matron of honor, Miss Lorine Mazingo, as maid of honor and bridesmaids, Misses Esther Lamb, Pearl Davis, Mae Brock, Dollie Chambers, Elizabeth Rivenbark and Nan Scott. Herman Barnett was best man.

Act II was the Tenth Anniversary of the wedding in the form of a Class Reunion, in the home of the bride, Miss Pearl Davis was soloist; Miss Sarah Gaylor, pianist; and the recessional.

Mrs. Harriett Pressley Be Guest Speaker At Federation Meet H. D. Clubs, May 26.

Mrs. Harriett Pressley is to be the guest speaker at the 19th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs meeting which is to be held in Kenansville on May 26. Registration will start at 10 A.M., and the program at 10:30. All Home Demonstration Club women from Pennington, Lehigh, Onslow, and Duplin Counties are urged to be present for this meeting.

Mrs. Pressley is director of Women's activities and public affairs at Station WPTF in Raleigh, where she has been broadcasting regularly since 1943. She is the wife of Dr. W. C. Pressley, president of Peace Junior College in Raleigh, the mother of five children, and was recently chosen as the North Carolina Mother of the Year for 1948.

In addition to her radio career and household duties, she is active in civic affairs, being chairman of the Association of Women Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters; a member of the Raleigh school board; vice president of the third district of the N. C. School Board Association; a member of the Governor's special committee on education; a member of the Wake County Community Chest board of directors; a member of the casting committee of the of the public affairs committee of

the local YWCA; a member of the Wake County Girl Scout Council; and co-teacher of her church Bible class. During the war she gave 1,500 hours to volunteer work. Raleigh Little Theater; a member



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Democratic Convention Held Here Last Saturday; Judge West Named Chairman

Notice Warsaw Voters

E. Walker Stevens, chairman of the County Board of Elections, has announced that the voting place for the Warsaw Precinct will be at the graded school building. Due to the construction of a new City Hall, it was necessary to move the location temporarily.

The Ghosts Of Kenans Return

Two Warsaw ladies took a brief sojourn to Kenansville Wednesday evening with one of their husbands.

While the husband was out of the car, which was parked near the old Kenan home, the two ladies saw women, all dressed in white slowly walking around the yard in front of the Kenan home in the bright moonlight. When the husband returned to the car the women in white had vanished. They told their story and the man just laughed at them. They probably didn't know it, but it's an old story in Kenansville that occasionally ghost figures are seen around the Kenan home.

Duplin Democrats gathered in the court house here Saturday May 15, and held the regular bi-annual County Convention. F. W. McGowan called the meeting to order. Judge Robert L. West of Warsaw was elected permanent chairman of the convention. A. T. Outlaw was elected secretary. Rev. J. G. Morrison lead the devotionals. A cordial welcome was extended to all by Mr. McGowan.

Following the roll call of each precinct, a representative of each precinct was named to the Resolution and Platform Committee and one to the committee on delegates to the State Convention.

The committees went into session to draft their reports. While the committees were out chairman West called on various members of the audience for a few words. The Resolution and Platform Committee, Dr. J. D. Robinson, chairman, and R. D. Johnson, secretary made the following report:

We, the Democrats of Duplin County in Convention assembled at Kenansville, on Saturday, May 15, 1948, renew our time honored allegiance to the Democratic principles as enunciated by Jefferson and Jackson, exemplified by Woodrow Wilson and put into realistic practice by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

We endorse the record of the Democratic Party, in the Nation, State and County, and commend to all voters, its slogan of "Equal Rights to all and Special Privileges to None."

The noble heritage we enjoy, of States Rights, under the Constitution, guarantees to us liberty of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. These fundamental guarantees compel us to cling to the party of our forefathers - and we will not secede - so long as we have those blessings bestowed upon us.

We favor and will support better educational advantages, including State Aid for the building of schools, and for adequate compensation for teachers, as well as other state employees, commensurate with the State's ability to pay, and the Tax Payers ability to meet the present demands upon the State.

We favor the prompt and immediate improvement of all rural roads, farm-to-market, home-to-school and church, post office to the homes of rural patrons; and we should not wait their construction from current funds, but by a State Bond Issue, to be submitted to the people at an election for that purpose, so that the people of this and the coming generations may utilize these benefits at the earliest possible date.

We favor a division of the Schedule "B" taxes between the state, cities and towns, to aid our municipalities, who at the present time are having to increase property taxes in order to function.

Our servants in office in the County have given to all the people a clean, honest, and successful administration, and we bespeak for them your continued loyalty and support.

We, the Democrats, believe in party fidelity and those who participate in our Primaries we urge to support the Democratic nominees in the General election.

We urge our Precinct Committees to meet often, to care for and protect the interest of the party in all matters concerning the interest of Democracy.

The delegates and alternates to the State Convention named were: DELEGATES: Rivers D. Johnson, Gordon Muldrow, John R. Croom, Dallas Herring, A. C. Hall, E. J. Johnson, John W. Waters, Neal Smith, Lewis Outlaw, Alvin Kornegay, Cleon Smith, Weils Thomas, Arthur Wood, Jack Lanier, J. L. Quinn, G. H. Blanton, Faison McGowan, John D. Robinson, H. E. Phillips, Albert Outlaw, C. A. Preechey, H. T. Ray, G. E. Alphin, A. F. Bradshaw, Jerry Teachey, C. W. Surratt, Jr., Ben V. Byrd, Raleigh Lanier, E. Walker Stevens, H. C. Thompson, Ralph J. Jones, Roy Carter, Robert L. West, Cyrus Fussell, Mrs. Lewellyn Robinson.

ALTERNATES: Mrs. Olivia B. Johnson, Mrs. Sallie B. Hule, Led Williams, J. A. Smith, H. E. Latham, Robert M. Carr, Henry S. Tyndall, John Edward Williams, Freely Smith, Jerry Smith, Willie Jones, Tyson Lanier, Lemmie Williams, L. R. Haggood, D. D. Williams, O. F. Johnson, Vance Gavin, L. P. Wells, Leiland Teachey, Herman Henderson, Hugh Johnson, Norwood B. Boney, Grady Mercer, John William Netherscutt, Harry Oswald, Robert Gray.

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Vandals Tear Down Candidate Banners

Last week supporters of Charles M. Johnson, for governor, spent \$30 to have two banners painted. The banners were strung between electric power poles on the afternoon preceding the County Democratic Primary.

The following morning the banners were gone. Later during the day one was found burned up about two miles east of Kenansville on a dirt road and the other was found near town on the Tin City highway slashed to pieces with a knife.

The story speaks for itself.

Attend TB Meet In Raleigh

The following persons from Duplin County attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association held in Raleigh Monday and Tuesday of this week:

Mr. Lewis Outlaw, Mrs. Lula Parker, Mrs. Gordon Kornegay, Mrs. Frank Thomas and Miss Mary Lee Sykes were there for only Monday's program, while Mrs. C. A. Brooks and Mrs. G. S. Best remained for the full two day's meeting.

The North Carolina TB Association is a voluntary health agency composed of interested medical and lay persons who give their valuable time and energy in order to promote a general program of TB control in cooperation with the official agencies of the State. The program has for its purpose the education of the public against the dreaded tuberculosis.

Those attending had the opportunity of hearing some very outstanding speakers from the United States Public Health Service, The National Tuberculosis Association, The American Trudeau Society, The N. C. Board of Health and several outstanding private physicians.

New Business For Town Of Wallace

Certificate of Incorporation was issued this week by the Secretary of State for incorporation of the Young Men's Shop of Wallace, Inc., to do a general business. Authorized capital stock, \$50,000 with \$300 stock subscribed by H. E. Kramer, Ben Kramer and Vivian Kramer, all of Wallace.

enbark, Historian. Graduation for the Class of 1948 will conclude Friday night when Judge H. L. Stevens, Jr., will address them at 8:30 in the school auditorium.

Commencement marshals were: Chief, Miss Mary Lee Jones; Misses Martha Anne Smith, Kathleen McGowan, Lois Ritter and Joshua Jones, Jr.

Kenansville Baptist Church Calls Minister; To Start July 1st.

Rev. Lauren Sharpe of New Bern 1947. Rev. Sharpe has accepted the Kenansville, Jones Chapel and Alum Spring Baptist Churches and will preach in Kenansville on the first and third Sundays, Jones Chapel on the second Sunday and Alum Springs on fourth Sundays. He will come here on July 1 and will move into the new parsonage which will be ready by that time.

Rev. Sharpe, born and reared in Statesville, graduated from Wake Forest College last August and has been assistant pastor for the First Baptist Church in Wilmington prior to this time. He was assistant dean of the School of Religion at Wake Forest College and also pastor at the Garner Baptist Church part of the time while at Wake Forest. He has been supplying in the Kenansville Baptist Church since July of

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Rev. Sharpe married an attractive young lady from Garner about two years ago and they are looking forward toward working together in their new charge.

Estimate Crowd Of 150 Hear Candidate Scott In Address Here Saturday

W. Kerr Scott, fighting candidate for governor, told an audience here at a county-wide Scott rally Saturday afternoon, that in effect, he was the only candidate qualified for governor, that his primary interest was in the farmer, since he was a farmer and that he lived on a dirt road.

A crowd, estimated at about 150 from Duplin and adjoining counties listened to him talk for 45 minutes. He was introduced by his boyhood friend, A. P. Cates of Faison. He and Mr. Cates were raised on adjoining farms in Alamance County.

There seemed to be an air of guilt manifest about Mr. Scott as he kept referring to "mud-slinging" every time he would attack an opponent, which was quite frequently in the corridor of the courthouse before the speech and throughout the speech.

He attacked Johnson for depositing State Funds in North Carolina banks. He accused him of being the "machine" candidate. He lambasted former Duplin Representatives and Senators who have represented Duplin in the Legislature, saying they did not represent Duplin County but special interests.

He came out for more industries in Eastern North Carolina, but in effect said Duplin could not hope for much because of the Tide Water Power Company rates.

Mr. Scott said that Johnson had all the money behind him and that he, (Mr. Scott) did not. He criticized the teachers in Duplin for not attending the rally, saying they were

afraid of their machine bosses. In short his entire speech was mostly criticizing what the other fellow has done. On state-wide issues he offered very little. He said he wanted to see North Carolina go forward, be progressive. He wanted to see North Carolina the Pennsylvania of the South. (Incidentally, Pennsylvania is a Republican but-work in this country).

He related part of his boyhood days and told how he, as a young man, earned his way to recognition and success. This, he inferred, was proof enough that he is a business man enough to be governor and by in-direction inferred that his opposition was not competent. He referred to some departments of our state having lost in National prestige under the present so-called ring. Mr. Scott was a member of that "so-called ring" while Commissioner of Agriculture and sat as a member of the Council of State.

He did not say why he did not tell the people at the time that Treasurer Johnson was not handling State funds as they should be. He was on the inside and had the same vote as did Governor and Mr. Johnson, he admitted no state funds had been lost or misplaced.

He advocated more surfaced roads but did not specify how construction could be speeded up. Mr. Scott has come out for a State-wide referendum on the Liquor question, however, he did not mention this in his speech. Mr. Johnson was the first candidate to come out for the referendum.

Charles R. Gavin Post In Warsaw To Elect Officers May 27

Commander J. C. Page, of the Charles R. Gavin Post, American Legion, in Warsaw, announces the May meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in the Legion

Hut. At this time officers for the ensuing year will be nominated and elected. Every member is urged to attend. Free refreshments. Mr. Page says —