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Charlie Johnson Asks Duplin Support Speaks To Thousand At Beulaville

Before approximately one thousand people from every corner of Duplin County and supporters from Jones, Onslow, Pender and Lenoir Counties gubernatorial candidate Chas. M. Johnson appealed for support in the second primary Saturday, in an address in the Beulaville school auditorium Monday night.

Johnson's county manager, Dallas Herring presided. Hubert Phillips of Kenansville extended a word of welcome and Superintendent of Duplin Schools, O. P. Johnson introduced the speaker. Candidate Johnson paid his respects to Duplin, the native home of his parents and next door neighbor to Pender, his home county.

Mr. Johnson literally rolled up his sleeves and called a spade a spade in pointing out the fallacies of his opponent's arguments and charges in the current campaign. Scott, he said, is conducting a campaign of deception by inference and by careless use of truths and facts. Johnson stated emphatically that he is running for governor in his own right, and on his record of public service to the people of North Carolina.

When he was put at the head of the Local Government Commission every county and municipal government in North Carolina was in a deplorable condition. They could not meet their obligations. Homes and farms were being sold out from under the owners for taxes and debts. As head of that commission he directed the refinancing of local municipalities until today every single one in North Carolina is in good standing and have good credit ratings. Homes and farms are no longer being sold for taxes.

He pointed out in what he went in the office of State Treasurer North Carolina was 15 million dollars in the hole. Today the State is in the best financial condition in its history. Since Johnson has been handling the money of this State not one penny has been lost. His books have been audited each year and every cent was accounted for. The records are open.

The opposition, Mr. Johnson said, has been trying to capitalize on the amount of state funds on deposit in North Carolina banks, charging that he, as treasurer, is responsible for placing this money in State banks, without interest, thereby losing millions of dollars for the taxpayers of the state. The opposition did not point out, however, the speaker said, that investment of state funds is done so by authority of the Legislature and under the direction of the Council of State, membership of which is made up of various state officers including the governor, treasurer, commissioner of Agriculture, and others. Records show that Treasurer Johnson invested every cent of State funds that he was authorized to. The millions on deposit in state banks, without interest, was done so for safe keeping and to expedite financing the operations of the state government. Every dollar on deposit in state banks was secured. State banks did not pay interest on these deposits because the law forbids them doing so. If his actions in so handling the money was wrong and costing the taxpayers of North Carolina so many millions of dollars why did Kerr Scott, at that time a member of the Council of State, vote for such action and put his stamp of approval on it? Mr. Scott was not running for governor at that time and apparently didn't seem to have the interest of the State so much at heart. Since he has decided he wants to dictate to the people of North Carolina he has suddenly become a wizard in state financing, apparently regardless of what the law says the State Treasurer must do. In short, Scott didn't know anything about state financing and didn't care enough to give the matter any study. His confidence in the ability and integrity of the State Treasurer was so strong that he was satisfied not to worry himself with such matters and left them in the hands of the trusted State Treasurer. But now that he aspires to the high office of governor he has suddenly become interested in state finances and is attempting to deceive the people of the State into believing that he knows more about handling the State's money than does the Legislature, the governor, the State Treasurer and the whole Council of State of which he was a member. If his charges be true why didn't he hold and tell the people about these actions instead of putting his stamp of approval on them at the time?

"If I had invested North Carolina funds according to the best

I would be running from the sheriff instead of running for governor now" Mr. Johnson said. It is generally conceded by most everyone that if a person will attempt to deceive you one time he will attempt to do so again. "If I have to be that way to be governor," the speaker said, "I never will be governor of North Carolina."

Referring to machine politics, Mr. Johnson said that this is an old story. If anyone is a member of a machine it is Scott. He rode into office on the coat tail of Clyde R. Hoey. Just before his announcement that he was going to run for governor he spent 2½ hours in conference with Governor Cherry. Johnson said he (Johnson) is the first and only state office holder to ever carry every county in North Carolina in an election. In every gubernatorial election since his appointment as treasurer he has run far ahead of every other candidate in total votes cast. He said this indicated that instead of running with the machine he was running ahead of it.

A large number of Scott supporters rave about his (Scott) being a veteran of World War I. He was. The Army called him and after 45 days turned him loose. Johnson served in World War I and his only son served with General Patton in France and Germany in War II.

Being a native of this section, Johnson said, he was naturally more interested in this section than would one from the West and especially one who was bred in a strong Republican stronghold, his native county is Alamance.

Johnson touched on proposals for breaking down the highway districts into smaller units so the commissioners would have a more common understanding of the road needs in each section. On schools he favors state aid for school building construction, an item very vital to rural Eastern Carolina counties like Duplin.

Referring to Scott's dairy interests. Naturally he is interested because he is one of the state's biggest dairy farmers. His program calls for centralization of large dairies, a prohibition of the individual farmer selling his surplus milk to his neighbor. The bacteria count for commercial milk in this State was 400 until Mr. Scott changed it to 200 to please certain large dairy interests in the Western part of the State. It is strikingly interesting to note that the number of Polio cases in this State did not fall off as a result of this change.

Concluding his address he appealed to his neighbors, Duplinites, to go to the polls Saturday and do their bit in electing him next governor of North Carolina.

Drivers Take Exams Next Month

New series of driver's license examinations effective July 1st includes all names beginning with E, F, and G. If your last name begins with one of these letters you must take the examination and secure a new driver's license.

Parachute Jumpers To Stage Show At Mount Olive

Mount Olive Flying Service is sponsoring several parachute jumps to be held on the week end of June 26 thru 27. The first jump will be held Saturday night around nine or ten o'clock at the lighted airport at Mt. Olive, the jumper will be followed through the air with the aid of a huge spot light. There will be three jumps held on Sunday, the first to get underway around two o'clock in the afternoon. The public is invited to witness these jumps at no cost of admission. Parking space is available at the airport.

The Mount Olive Flying Service is now approved by the Government and Veterans Administration for the training of ex-GI's. Any veteran interested in obtaining a private, commercial or flight instructor's license is urged to attend the show so that we can give additional information on this training.

Editorial

Why Vote For

CHARLIE JOHNSON

By J. E. GRADY

1. He is capable.
2. He is free of corruption.
3. He deserves it.
4. He is our neighbor.

Yes, why am I going to vote for Charlie Johnson for Governor of North Carolina in the Primary Saturday? It doesn't take an epistle to answer this question.

He is capable. He is schooled in the school of experience. Just as in olden days the successful craftsman became so by learning in the school of experience, so has Johnson learned State Government by experience in more phases and branches of it than any other man in North Carolina.

He is free from corruption. Johnson's life, from childhood up until now, is as nearly above reproach as one could hope to find. No he isn't a Saint. He is a sinner in the everyday run of life, just as we all are, but he is above average in his battles against the pitfalls of life.

He deserves it. Johnson has devoted his life to the public service of the people of North Carolina since early manhood. He has on more than one occasion refused offers of private employment that would have made him financially independent, but he refused, the love of public service and the feeling of pride in knowing he had done and was doing a good job kept him in the service of the people of North Carolina.

He is our neighbor. He knows the problems of the people of Duplin County. He knows them as well as any and better than understanding friend in the many. Being human, he naturally wants to see his home section prosper and grow. The people of Duplin will have a personal friend in the governor's mansion.

What other reasons could we want?

Duplin Alumni N. C. State College Hold Meet

Duplin Alumni of N. C. State College held their annual picnic and family get-together at Newkirk's Mill, six miles west of Rose Hill Wednesday evening of last week June 16. Prior to the picnic supper, fishing and bathing was

JUDGE HENRY L. STEVENS
Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw, past National Commander of the American Legion, will deliver an address and conduct installation services for the new officers of the Chas. R. Gavin Post 127 of the American Legion, Wednesday night, June 30. Rites will be held at the Legion Hut beginning at 7:30. A free barbecue supper will be served all attending. All members of the Post are urged to attend and bring their wives or sweethearts. Cards have been mailed to members with requests that they sign them and return immediately so the committee will know how many plates to prepare.

Graham A. Phillips is the new Post Commander, Walter McNeill the new adjutant and M. H. Baar the new treasurer. They, along with other newly elected officers will be installed. J. C. Page retires as Commander after having served for the past two years.

enjoyed by some old and some young. Following supper, President John D. Grady, presented H. W. Taylor, Executive Director of the College's Alumni Association, who discussed the building and students housing program now in progress. He stated that Freshmen who filed their entrance application within the near future should be able to enter State this fall. Also, that the College was in the process of construction and it would provide a long needed service to the students and public, as its 15,000 seating capacity would enable the Farmers Convention, the College's Student Body, and similar events to be seated under roof for the first time in a decade. The Coliseum will also be used for shows, exhibits, military drill, and other worth while events.

Some 35 former students of State College, and their families, enjoyed this annual meeting to the fullest extent.

Lorena B. Vestal, Reporter.

Outlaw's Bridge Club Meets Sat.

The Community Club will hold its regular meeting in the School building Saturday night. An interesting program is being arranged and will be in charge of Mrs. Ernest Dupree.

Bear Marsh Baptist Church Held Homecoming Event Sunday

The Bear Marsh Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, N. C., held its Homecoming Day Sunday, June 20, 1948. The two outstanding speakers of the day were Dr. Roy R. McCulloch, pastor of the Rowan Baptist Church, Clinton, N. C., who delivered the sermon during the morning, and Rev. John M. Dunbar, a former pastor of Murfreesboro, N. C., who made the main address during the afternoon program. Also during the morning service

Mr. Kenneth Wilson, a member of Bear Marsh Church, was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by the church.

Special music was rendered throughout the day by the church choir, a duet by Mrs. N. B. Best and Mr. Kenneth Wilson, and two solos by Mr. Paul A. Barwick of Mount Olive, N. C.

A most bountiful dinner which was enjoyed by all was spread on the church grounds at the noon hour.



The new home of Service Motor Company, in Kenansville, Desoto and Plymouth Dealers. The new garage opened Monday with through flooring in all day. (Photo by Kraft)

Rose Hill Negro Woman Held On First Degree Murder Charge Here

Warsaw Post National Guard Seeking Recruits; Facts Of New Draft Law

America prepares to enter a peace time draft in the next few days. Congress has passed the new draft law in which men between the ages of 19 and 25 years may be drafted for 21 months military service. President Truman has not signed the bill but says he will. He is delaying a few days so that those who wish to enlist in the National Guard may do so and avoid being drafted for regular service.

The Warsaw National Guard Post, commanded by Capt. McGilvery Buck, announces it has 20 vacancies at present. Five men have signed up this week. It has a total compliment of 150 men. Those in Duplin who wish to join the Warsaw group are asked to see M/Sgt. John W. Jones who will be located at the Hometel in Warsaw from 9 to 5. If you find him away, see Jimmie Kitchin at A. L. Cavanaugh's office.

The following information was released from Washington City last Sunday regarding the new draft law:

Main features of the 19-25 draft: Who would register — All men 18 through 25. Who would be drafted — Men 19 through 25 as needed to bring armed forces up to authorized strength. How long would draftees serve — 21 months.

How soon — No inductions for 90 days unless President or Congress declares national emergency sooner.

Termination — The act expires in two years unless repealed sooner.

Number to be drafted — Army estimates it will need at least 225,000 men the first year. After that it depends on volunteers. Navy and Air Force hope to keep strength up with volunteers.

Registration date — To be set by the President.

Volunteers — 18-year-olds can escape later draft by signing up for 12-months service and then joining the reserves.

Doctors — No special registration for doctors and dentists as originally proposed. But those under 25 must register.

Job rights — Same as World War

II. Veterans — All are exempt who served 12 months from Sept. 16, 1940 to date or who served 90 days or more during "shooting war" — Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945.

Draft boards — Like those in World War II but fewer will be needed.

Military justice — Army system overhauled. Enlisted men and officers may serve on court martial; penalties slackened for many offenses.

Enlistments — Men 19 through 25 could volunteer for 21 months. So could enlist in reserves. General classification score cut to 70 points for volunteers.

Reserves — Draftees go into inactive reserve for five years after discharge, unless they volunteer for another year in service or join an organized reserve outfit for 3 years.

Exempt — Ministers, national guardsmen, organized reserve members, conscientious objectors, most public officials and scientists, agricultural and industrial workers covered by regulations made by the President.

Families — President, through selective service director, decides about deferring men with dependents.

Students — High school students deferred until they graduate, drop out, or become 20, whichever is first. Collegians can finish current year.

Registration — Present members in regular service, the national guard, active reserves or others in uniform will not have to register.

Draft Dodgers — Can be fined up to \$10,000 and given five years in jail.

GI Bill of Rights — Not this time and no mustering out pay. But soldiers and sailors civil relief act still applies.

Industry — Government can take over industrial plants which refuse defense orders at "fair profits". Courts would decide disputed cases of what is "fair profits."

Order of Induction — To be set by draft boards.

James Edward Newkirk, colored, is dead. His eyes are eaten out, his nose virtually eaten off, his face swollen and distorted.

Susie Ann Newkirk, 350 pound wife of Edward, is in the County Jail awaiting a fight for her life at the next term of Superior Criminal Court which convenes here on July 20th, to be presided over by Duplin's Judge Henry L. Stevens.

According to evidence presented by the State at the coroner's inquest hearing in the court house here Wednesday night, the jury decided that James Edward Newkirk came to his death as a result of lye water thrown on him by his wife in a premeditated effort to kill him.

It seems the couple had family troubles and on Saturday June 12th a quarrel and fussing episode began. It continued while they were at their home near Rose Hill. During the day Sunday James Edward ordered his wife to leave home. She gathered her clothes for the exit and then he refused to let her go. During the episode, at one time, he was in a cart with a bush axe in his hand and swung at her with the axe. Later James Edward was said to have been sitting on the porch when his wife went into the house. She came out with a pan of water in her hands and dashed it into his face. The water had been saturated with lye. Immediately his eyes were put out, his lips and nose began to swell and his tongue thickened.

Later he was carried to a doctor in Rose Hill where he was given aid and rushed to Duke Hospital where he died Monday, June 21st.

After the incident in Rose Hill Susie was arrested and lodged in jail in Kenansville, pending outcome of the inquest. Later she was released on bond.

On being notified of the death Coroner Sitterson ordered Susie rearrested and jailed without the privilege of bond. It is reported that habeas corpus proceedings will probably be requested in an attempt to free her from jail.

Also injured during the affray was a small son. Part of his hair was burned off and a hole burned in his head where he was sprinkled with the lye water. Susie's left eye was injured when some of the water splashed back on her.

It was reported that an officer stated that she confessed to him that she intended to kill her husband. At the hearing she did not take the stand nor did any defense witnesses testify.

Attorney L. A. Wilson of Rose Hill will head up the defense. He stated he probably would associate another attorney with him. Attorney Rivers D. Johnson of Warsaw will aid Solicitor J. A. Barker in prosecuting the case.

Tobacco Curin' Time In Duplin

Processing of the Golden Weed for market began in Duplin this week. Reports from the Outlaw's Bridge section state that a number of farmers began "crappin'" on Monday. The Potter's Hill section reports housing got underway on some farms the latter part of the week. Within another fortnight handlers and loopers will be seen at all barns along the roadway sticking the gummy leaves. About 4 weeks after housing gets into full swing the old time chicken fries at the various barns will begin to celebrate the end of "puttin' in tobacco time". The golden weed will then begin to flow to the markets and business in these parts will take a sharp up-turn. Life in these parts steps up its tempo considerably as the tobacco season approaches.

Sheffields' Start New Fords Rolling Around Warsaw; Throngs See Showing

The new, long expected Ford is on the road. On Friday of last week the Messrs. Ed and Charlie Sheffield of Warsaw, proprietors of Sheffield Motor Company, Ford dealer in that town, put on display the new 1949 Ford automobile. A crowd estimated at more than a thousand passed through the show room inspecting the new cars. Reports say that enthusiasm for the reformed Tin Lizzie, to Model A, to the new streamliner was high. The general impression was that long last Ford has grown up.

The mighty auto company, founded by Henry Ford and pioneer in mass construction of automobiles is now headed by his young grandson, Henry Ford, II, who decided the old conventional Ford was a thing of the past and lead a revolutionary overhauling of the Ford factories to bring out the new automobile. The Ford is no longer just a "car", it is an automobile.

The Messrs. Sheffields say they are well pleased with the general reaction to the new car and orders are pouring in.

National Guard Planning For Summer Camp

The Warsaw National Guard unit, with a compliment of 150 members, is now making plans for its annual summer encampment at Ft. Bragg. Commander "Gib" Bueck says the total membership allotment of 150 is short by about 20 but expects new recruits to bring up its total by camp time. The unit will go to Ft. Bragg for training from July 11 through the 28th.