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Luther Beasley, You Know Him

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While getting material on a story of the Atlantic and Carolina Railroad which recently discontinued operation for lack of business, this reporter met a very interesting and deep-rooted southerner.

His name is Luther A. Beasley and he is from Kenansville, although his original home is at Magnolia. He is getting along in years and has just about quit law practice which he has been at since he went to Davidson and Wake Forest in the early nineties.

But there is one thing he hasn't quit and "will never until I die," Beasley says and that is "to say just what pops in my mind and give the Republicans all the hell I can."

"They ain't nothing but hypocrites from the North," he booms disgustedly.

Get him talking on politics and you will have a man that can really carry on a conversation. Of course it might be a little one-sided. For he'll build the Democrats up to high heaven and then spit on the "blank-blank" Republicans. He thinks the big money GOP boys would be much better off playing golf than politics.

Beasley is just as southern as the country smoked hain and hot biscuits he eats every morning for breakfast. He was born in Magnolia and has lived in Duplin County all his life. He went to Davidson and Wake Forest College in 1890. He studied law at these schools, but says he never learned any until he began practicing.

Before entering the attorney business, he taught school in various places in the county. Like brerr rabbit, said Beasley, "I only made one dollar a day." Later he decided law would be a better paying profession and opened an office.

He is the oldest lawyer in these parts, practicing since 1896 and is the fourth man on Dr. Gully's list of 2,000 lawyers.

Back in the old days of the one room school house, the children had to study Greek. "I taught it among other subjects and to this day I can read it as good as English," he boasts.

Largely and through his efforts and determination, the Atlantic and Carolina Railroad became a reality. A. R. Turnbull, a millionaire in Minneapolis and one of the few

"blank" yankees he has ever liked, came to the county. Beasley talked him into building a line from Kenansville to Warsaw to connect the Atlantic Coast Line there. This, argued Beasley, would make Kenansville accessible to civilization. Leading into Kenansville, at that time, were only muddy roads and these were travelable at only certain times of the year.

Turnbull took a liking to Beasley's southern characteristics and gave him the go-ahead signal. But first, Beasley had to get a \$50,000 bond issue. This he did and also obtained the land right-of-way for the line without condemning; but one piece of land.

After this, Turnbull, who was in the logging business, hired him as his counsel and counsel for the rail line. "He sort of adopted me," said Beasley.

But back to politics. Asked what he thinks about the uprising against Truman and the Dixiecrats forming a new party, he said, "We got to hold to our party and not let it down in spite of what those northern folks are trying to do to it."

"I love Harry Truman."

"You love Truman and he is backing the Civil Rights program?" he was asked.

"Yes, I love him, because he is the son of a confederate soldier. The only thing wrong with him is he has let the big city folks get hold of him."

Although he is a rip-roaring Democrat, Beasley was opposed to the new deal.

If you're a person that enjoys talking politics, the next time you are near the historic town of Kenansville, stop by and chat with Mr. Luther Beasley. He lives in front of the Welfare office. It is a typical southern home with a long driveway up a hill to the house. The driveway is flanked by hedges. There is a big long porch and large trees shading the front yard. We don't know if he drinks mint julep, or not, but the locale is perfect. Tell whoever answers the door that you are a Democrat and want to talk to Mr. Luther about politics. Then settle back in an old rocking chair on the porch and hear a speech on the evils of the Republican party.

After that pray you were born a Democrat instead of Republican, because those Republicans are sure some kind of terrible folks.

"Dutch" Witherington, A Son Of Duplin Says Sell Tobacco In Kinston

Tobacco growers who patronize the Kinston Tobacco Market this season will be extended every courtesy, the very best of service and the highest prices ever paid. As in the past Kinston warehousemen will give every consideration to their many Duplin farmer friends and welcomes the opportunity to prove to you why it is so important for tobacco growers to sell in Kinston regularly.

Tobacco growers will not experience the difficulty in selling their tobacco in Kinston as they did in years past due to the fact that longer selling hours will be in effect this season and for the first time in several years growers will be permitted to sell piles weighing up to 300 pounds.

Kinston's four sets of buyers will sell a total of 20 selling hours each sales day, or a total of 8000 baskets per day.

Kinston's twelve warehouses have over a million square feet of floor space and the market will easily sell a million and a half pounds of tobacco daily.

The Kinston Tobacco market, for the past two years has established a record for high prices, unequalled by any tobacco market, anywhere. Kinston was first in highest prices paid growers in 1946, second in 1947 and we are confident we will be first this year.

Duplin County farmers have learned by actual experience that Kinston is the best market for best prices. Several of our best warehousemen were born and bred in Duplin and, they with all others, take a personal interest in your welfare and prosperity. I, myself, am a Duplin Boy and nothing pleases me more than to see you drive in. It is my honest opinion that the Kinston Tobacco market and tobacco farmers who sell in Kinston this season will experience the best year they have ever enjoyed. We extend to each of you a most friendly welcome and will do our utmost to give you satisfaction and a good sale every time you sell in Kinston.



R. S. "Dutch" WITHERINGTON

SNAKE STORY

Kenansville Drug Store not only appeals to people but to snakes.

Monday morning Amos Brinson, manager, opened the store and smelled a very noxious smell. As he approached the ice cream cabinet the smell grew. He began looking round. Finally with his flashlight he looked into the motor compartment of the cabinet and found a chicken snake coiled around the motor. The snake was about 18 inches long. The blades of the fan had killed him. The snake got into the store through a hole under the back door.

BOB GRADY SAYS

"Only a writer can talk about what he doesn't understand, without harming anybody." - Robert Nathan. This brings to mind that when a writer begins to peck the typewriter he jots down what comes into his mind. The least thing he wants to do is to harm anyone but he can't help thinking what he thinks. Let it fall where it may.

The late Mr. Willie Murray once said to me: "When a man has a good wife you can usually depend on him."

This afternoon my wife planned to visit her mother in Warsaw. I thought she should leave at a certain time. And as I saw it she was just lazy. I kept after her to get going. She did not, her reasons, I do not know. As it turned out company came in and the visit was much more pleasant with her here. She still had time to go visit her mother.

Why are we raising so much hell about "Human Rights"? We all understand what Human Rights are. The Colored, as well as the Whites. The colored don't want social equality with the whites any more than the whites want it with colored. Look at Mamie Turner, the Duplin Negro School Supervisor. She is as practical a person as one will find. The Dixiecrats and Henry Wallace's new party has just gone off the beam. Truman is not perfect, and certainly not is Dewey. Truman's advisors are not perfect.

Faison Man Found Dead In New York Hotel

Faison — Marvin Reese Bell, clerk in C. H. King's grocery, had looked forward to his vacation in New York City. He talked about it to friends.

A few days he left for the long-awaited trip.

Monday of last week he was found dead in bed in a room at the York Hotel, 488 Seventh Ave. N. York. A chambermaid found the body about 9:45 in the morning.

Police identified Mr. Bell from his social security card and notified Faison relatives.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bell, Sr., of Faison, a brother, J. C. Bell, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Chas Decker, both of Faison.

Mr. Decker was 44 years old and was not married. He served a short time in the Army during World War II.

Improvement Of Beulaville School Grounds Going Forward; Civics Club And Town Contribute

Gordon Muldrow, president of the Beulaville Civics Club announces the club has donated \$75 toward paving the sidewalks in front of the new Beulaville school plant.

Stokely Bostic, Mayor of Beulaville, announces that the town has donated \$100 to the cause.

The Beulaville PTA is sponsoring the landscaping, planting and arrangements of the grounds. Miss Mary Quinn Brown is treasurer. If you want to make a donation she will be glad to receive it.

On a recent holiday the State

Highway Department supplied the labor and trucks to haul in dirt. They were paid for their services. A bulldozer was then secured and leveled off the ground.

It appears the folks in Beulaville are taking quite a bit of interest in their new school plant, the largest school in Duplin. Supt. O. P. Johnson has strained himself in plans, etc., to make it one of the most attractive and well arranged school plants in Eastern North Carolina. When completed it will be a pride of the county.

Scout Activities To Get Underway In The Near Future They Say

Members of the Duplin District Boy Scout Committee met in Warsaw recently to develop plans for activities to be carried out this fall and winter.

E. W. Faries, Wallace, District Chairman, presided. Overall plans were discussed and it was announced that each Scoutmaster is in the process of building his Troops' Program for the year from September 1948 to September 1949. A large number of outstanding events are scheduled including a Court of Honor Round-Up Rally in September, Camp-o-rees in November and Unit Ceremonials for new Scouts recruited in December.

Robert Herring, Rose Hill, District Leadership Training Chairman, stated that plans for the first fall leaders training roundtable is to be held Tuesday, September 14. A group of men to serve on his committee as trainers are to take part in a week end training session in late September. Plans are under

way for the "Fundamentals of the Boy Scout Movement" to be given in each sponsoring institution and all groups that are interested in organizing Cub Packs, Scout Troops or Senior Units.

J. J. Diefell, Wallace, District Chairman for Advancement stated a meeting to train Troop Board of Review members from every troop is to be held in Warsaw Wednesday, September 8. The monthly Court of Honor date is to be set at that time.

J. C. Thompson, Warsaw, District Finance Chairman, discussed the Council Operating Budget for 1949. Because of considerable growth in membership, activities and over all council events and with two Field Scout Executives on the staff the budget for the year will be increased. The finance campaign for Duplin District will be conducted in October in most communities, with several selecting a late date to raise the funds.

School Children Must Be Immunized Against Contagious Diseases

Dr. G. V. Gooding, Duplin County Health Officer, announces that all children entering school this Fall will have to have a card from the Health Department or statement from their family doctor showing that they have been immunized against whooping cough and diphtheria and vaccinated

for smallpox. If immunization was begun with the Health Department, and has not been completed, parents are urged to bring their children in to complete their immunization.

Immunization cards must be presented to the teacher on the first day the child starts school.

Warsaw And Kenansville Gets Dusting; Flies, Mosquitos, Bugs Should Be Dead

Warsaw and Kenansville got a good dusting last Friday. Jack Iley-nolds of Candor flew over Warsaw with a helicopter and dusted there. Then he flew over Kenansville with a two-winger and dusted here. He sprayed out DDT which is supposed to almost eradicate flies, insects and bugs from the towns. Some reports say they have seen results and some say they have not. About two hours after the dusting Bob Grady found a laboratory in his

house as black with gnats as if someone had sprinkled it with a pepper shaker. All gnats were dead. Evidently it did some good. The cost was nominal. In Warsaw the Boy Scouts went about town and took up a collection. In Kenansville Amos Brinson took charge and took up a collection. We hope the dust got rid of the flies that were bound to hovering around Sheriff Williamson's jacks.

Thirteenth Anniversary Of Social Security Announced.

The 13th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act occurred Saturday 14. This law was designed, among other things, to provide workers and their families the protection of social insurance and, since that day in 1935 when the law was signed by the President, it has become a vital part in the lives of millions of Americans by giving workers a way to build protection for themselves and families.

Since 1937, when the system of old-age and survivors insurance went into effect more than two billion dollars have been paid to retired workers and their families and to survivors of workers who have died.

Around 500 offices are located

throughout the country and through these offices approximately 91 million account numbers have been assigned. These social security account numbers are an important part of the job in keeping workers' wages recorded accurately.

The office in Wilmington has been in operation since 1937 and the public is invited to call there to discuss any questions about old-age and survivors insurance.

Message

A message has just been received for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Roberts that their 21 months-old baby now in James Walker Hospital for Pals has become paralyzed in both legs.

Speaking Engagements

Beer & Wine Campaign Election Saturday Aug. 28

Aug. 16, Monday 8:00 P.M. at Bethel Methodist Church, Wolfscrape Township. Rev. A. L. Brown, Speaker.

Aug. 19, Thursday 8:00 P.M. at Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church, Albertson Township. Rev. A. L. Brown, Speaker.

Aug. 20, Friday 8:30 P.M. at Sarecta F. W. Baptist Church, Kenansville Township. Rev. John M. Cline, Speaker.

Aug. 23, Monday 8:00 P. M. at Snow Hill Baptist Church, Glisson Township. Rev. A. L. Brown, Speaker.

Aug. 24, Tuesday 8:00 P.M. at Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Albertson Township. Rev. A. L. Brown, Speaker.

Aug. 25, Wednesday 8:00 P.M. at Smith's Presbyterian Church, in Smith Township. Rev. A. L. Brown, Speaker.

New Shoe Store Opens In Warsaw

Mrs. Leatrice Rivenbark of Warsaw has opened the Warsaw Shoe Store in the block near Branch Bank. They are handling the following lines of shoes: Rhythm Step, Penello, Air-Step, Nunn-Bush, Hana, Bondshire. Through good work shoes and children's shoes, and Parasol Ladies shoes.

Folks, Read Here It Is!

On the 13th day of September, 1948, as Solicitor of the General County Court of Duplin County, I will make a motion before His Honor or Robert L. West, for a Capias for every defendant who owes delinquent Court Costs or Fines. The County is entitled to this money when due and I don't think it is fair to the taxpayers to carry this past-due account any longer. The tobacco markets are open and the wages are high. If you violated the law it is your fault. We officers are doing our best to keep things going straight. In my opinion now is the time to pay up. Let's do it and get it over with. Everybody will then be better off. I suggest you contact the Clerk of Court before the 13th and make adequate settlement and save yourself further embarrassment.

Thanks, folks,
Your Solicitor
Grady (Red) Mercer.

Kataveck Signs With Warsaw

To strengthen the Warsaw Red Sox and to help the team get into the play offs pitchers O'Brien and Kopack have been added to the pitching staff. Outfielder Harry Beeson, who played UNC and Goldsboro, has joined the club. Maloney, a veteran 2nd baseman, has been added to the infield. Leo Kataveck, N. C. State's all-American basketball player and 2nd baseman who played with the Raleigh Caps early in the season, has been added and will

Wallace Street Dance Goes Over In A Big Way

Wallace's street dance seemed to have gone over good last Friday night. According to reports a crowd estimated at more than 2000 people were in attendance and of this number more than half were from out of town. The dance set-up included a round dance at one of the street and a square dance at the other. The dancing and crowds extended from the Presbyterian church on the West side to the Esso Station on the East side, a distance of two blocks.

The Dixie Pals and The Wallace Playboys furnished the music. It was a gay time for everyone and no particular incidents were noticed. Everybody had a good time and Wallace is proud of its success.

Invitation

The Kenansville Baptist Church cordially everyone in Kenansville and surrounding communities to open house at the parsonage on Thursday evening, Aug. 26, 1948, 8:00 - 10:00 o'clock, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Lauren Sharpe, and commemorating the completion of our new parsonage.

Thanks To The Kinston Freepress

Pictures of Kinston Warehousemen and warehouses were sent in by the Kinston Daily Freepress. Cutlines under the pictures are the same that appeared in the Freepress's tobacco edition. We could have re-written them but they were on the mat we had to cast and we saved a lot of time in let them go as they were. They were written