

Group Meeting At Faison Last Week Discuss New Experiment Station

If post-campaign political promises mean anything, this section of eastern North Carolina is slated to have some type of vegetable experiment station in the near future. At a meeting of the Faison Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday evening of Nov. 3, attended by representatives of Wayne, Duplin and Sampson counties who are seeking the station, Congressman Graham A. Barden, Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, next commissioner of agriculture, State Representative Vivian Whitfield, Pender county, and Senator R. D. Johnson, Duplin County, and Dr. R. W. Cummings, associate director of the State College extension service, each pledged their best efforts towards securing a station, located somewhere in the tri-county area, which would deal in vegetable and truck crop research exclusively.

President James H. C. Hill, of the Faison group, which initiated the movement, and has pushed it for the past several months, opened the meeting and explained its purpose, after which he introduced Mayor L. D. Croome, who welcomed the visitors. After the delicious supper, served by the Faison ladies, Mr. Hill introduced Senator Johnson of Warsaw, who acted as toastmaster for the evening. Senator Johnson then introduced Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, of Raleigh, who will assume his new duties as commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina in January.

Mr. Ballentine came out in favor of the proposed experiment station to improve agriculture in this section, and also announced his support for what he termed "year-around agriculture" in North Carolina. He also urged the state's farmers to work for better marketing facilities, and said that if he could raise the standard of living in North Carolina by making its citizenry conscious of agriculture's place in state economy, he would deem his administration successful.

Dr. R. W. Cummings, associate director of the State College Extension Service, which would manage and conduct the experiment station, stated he definitely was in favor of any research program which could be set up in this area, but warned his listeners not to expect more than a sub-station here. He outlined the problems connected with setting up any research program, pointing out that all the work in any program could not possibly be done at any one place, but must be carried wherever the best facilities were available.

Dr. Cummings admitted the shortage of facilities in this area, and said that a request was before the budget advisory committee for funds with which to establish the type station needed in this area. He pointed out that it would have to be a joint federal-state undertaking, and its establishment would depend on federal funds being available.

The evening's next speaker, J. Vivian Whitfield, of Burgaw, prominent farm leader in this section, and member of the N. C. House of Representatives, said he saw no reason why the station could not be obtained, but also warned not to expect a central station. He also touched on the necessity for a better packaging and marketing program in this state to allow vegetable and truck farmers to compete with other states. He warned that until such a program was well underway, all the research in the world would not be worth a dime, and the farmer would continue at the bottom of the economic ladder in North Carolina.

Congressman Graham A. Barden, of New Bern, speaking briefly, said he was so in the value of research in agriculture, and would do everything in his power to assure federal participation in the program. He urged those seeking the station to call on him whenever he could be of assistance, and expressed his pleasure that the group had made such progress in obtaining the station.

ATTENTION READERS

Monday we received a communication from a reader, postmarked Pink Hill. We are glad to publish these communications but the writer's name MUST be signed for security's sake. We do not necessarily have to publish the name of the writer but we do have to know who he or she is. If you are not willing to sign your name, please do not bother sending us letters. We need more hospitals, more public health services, and more doctors. We need better means of diagnosis, medical care in the

Boy Scouts Meet In Warsaw Plan Camp-o-ree Nov. 13-14

The Tuscarora Council Boy Scout executive board met Friday night in Warsaw with J. C. Thompson, Jr. in charge of arrangements. Roy M. Purser, presided.

L. O. Branch, council commissioner, stated that troops are planning their work a year in advance.

S. C. Baddour reported on Sampson county activities, including a court of honor and final plans for the council-wide camp-o-ree to be held in Clinton on November 13-14.

Clyde Rich, Sampson county finance chairman, stated the county-wide campaign to raise operating funds for the council budget was being conducted.

Leader training courses, active courts of honor and plans for attending the camp-o-ree were highlights of E. W. Farries' report on the Duplin district.

E. L. Woodall, Smithfield, and Glenn W. Grier, representing Johnston county, gave a report of need of increased adult interest and activities. Mr. Grier presented plans for continuing the program of developing the number of individuals to be honored in the Camp

Tuscarora Memorial Hall. Emil Rosenthal, council inter-racial chairman, announced an extension of the program for Negro boys through district training courses for new leaders and other adults.

Scout executive R. L. Wolff stated that Herbert Stucky of the regional Boy Scouts office had worked in the council in October and would assist again in December in regards to council planning for 1949.

Captain Bob MacCauley, also of the regional staff, is to spend about two weeks in the council in November to help with the organization of senior Scouting.

Mr. Purser appointed committees to develop plans for the annual meeting and to draw up a slate for the 1949 officials.

Bob Herring of Rose Hill, leadership training chairman, gave a presentation of the fundamentals of the Boy Scout movement and showed a series of slides. Scott Joe West of Warsaw played several selections on the piano.

IN THE STAR-NEWS — Nov. 5

By John Sikes

Maybe It's Time We Made A Little History Right Now Rather Than Digging In Past

KENANSVILLE, Nov. 4. — In a few days—or weeks or months—I hope to unfold for you a plan that Robert Grady—pronounced Gradydy—is spear-heading, so to speak, to give Duplin County some kind of historic pageant like Paul Green gave to Roanoke Island and Williamsburg and Leggett Blythe, I believe it was, gave to Mecklenburg County.

Brother Grady edits the Duplin Times here in the county's seat of government. He's so much interested in the past glory of the county that he's in touch with any number of dramatic writers and delivers into history who might come up with something like Green's "The Lost Colony."

Personally, I'm all for it. There is little doubt but that the Green opus on Roanoke Island has done more to turn the thoughts of a nation toward the early history of North Carolina than anything else, including the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk. I haven't the slightest notion just what theme Brother Grady expects to inspire the writers because I'm more than somewhat unfamiliar with the earlier days of the county. I just figured that we, over here in Duplin, were so much concerned with making strawberries, tobacco, cucumbers, corn and the like that we didn't have time for digging into the past and making a lot of folks outside the county love us for what we were back in the olden golden days.

It may be that Brother Grady and his writers, will set forth that this really was Indian country in the earlier days and that Tuscaroras came back and forth through our porches and uplands as unconcerned as we plough a field in this day and time.

It also may be that Editor Grady has in mind something about the time Lord Duplin, I believe, gave a distinct aristocratic tinge to this neck of the woods.

But, while agreeing to the remotest historic touch Editor Grady wishes to give the section and rejoicing wholeheartedly with him about the past glories, I wonder if it wouldn't be better if his writers placed a bit more emphasis on what goes on today in our county. And what might well go on in the bright tomorrow.

I'm as sentimental as the next one about what happened yesterday, but I'm afraid my curiosity about what'll go on tomorrow supercedes my hankering to loll in the glories of Yesterday.

And, since I'm making this piece pretty much opinionated, I wonder if right now is the time to pay so much lavish tribute to bygone. Couldn't we better go in for a little "country of Now"? Isn't it possible to dig up a lot of time and effort and put it up the Post to help

we might have? It's plain downy mean to be so caloused to the Past as to wonder if we shouldn't, mercenarily perhaps, pay more attention to making a little history right at the moment. For example — and this is an old tune I've been playing and it applies equally to most counties in Southeastern North Carolina — we grow a heck of a lot of strawberries in Duplin County. We grow a lot of the same around Chadbourn in Columbus. But what happens? The strawberries are bought from this section raw and hauled to heck and gone some place else and processed — frozen or canned, etc. — and eventually shipped back into this section for retail sale. The same cycle applies to almost all other kinds of products grown hereabouts.

Wonder if Editor Grady couldn't get his writers to dream up something that'd show present-day Duplin-dwellers how comparatively easy it would be to work out a system of economy in which industry and agriculture would mesh their interests right here and now in our midst?

You'll forgive me Brother Grady, but I'd a whole lot rather stand here by the courthouse and see evidence of a lot of history in the actual making than be caught up in a dream of what used to be.

And there ain't nobody who loves to play Tuscarora Indians and Knights of the Round Table any more than I.

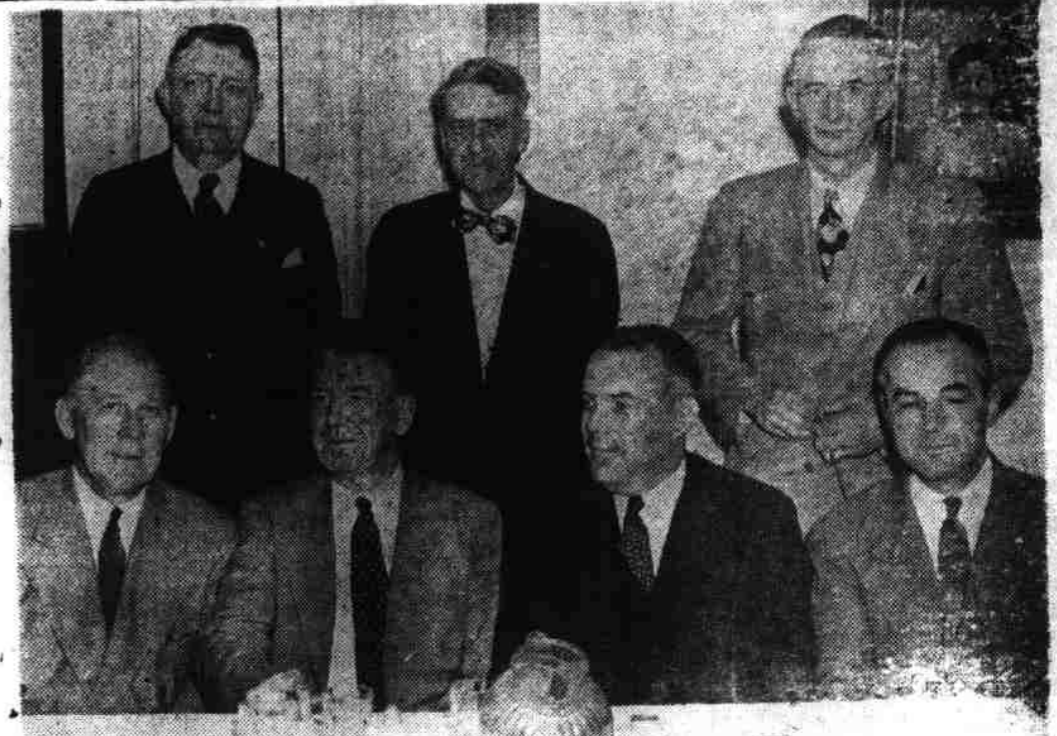
Lions Plan Shooting Match

The Duplin Times Kenansville, N. C. Gentlemen: Kenansville Lions Club met on Wednesday night the 10 of November at the Kenansville High School and prior to the business session, the Eastern Star served a delicious turkey dinner to the members of the Lions Club.

Lion Garland King gave minutes and financial report. Plans were made for a turkey shooting match to be held on Saturday, November 20th, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. The shooting match will be held beside highway No. 24, 1/2 mile east of Kenansville on the Beulaville highway.

Committee for shooting match are: Leo Jackson, shells; Oliver Stokes, target; D. H. McKay, marking off grounds; Mitchell Allen, turkeys; Judges, Oliver Stokes, Fred Hardy, Hallie Daughtry; Ground Steering Committee, Lacy Weeks, A. R. Bland, and G. E. Alphin.

Yours very truly, E. W. Frazzle, Publicity Chairman Kenansville Lions Club



EXPERIMENT STATION PROMOTERS — The seven gentlemen pictured above each made promises of doing their best to provide this section of eastern North Carolina with a vegetable experiment station when they met with the Faison Chamber of Commerce Wednesday

evening of last week. Seated, left to right, they are Congressman Graham A. Barden, New Bern; Roy Cates Faison, chairman of a three-county committee the station; Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, Raleigh, next commissioner of agriculture; and Dr. R. W. Cummings, Raleigh, associate

director State College extension service. Standing, Vivian Whitfield, Burgaw, state representative; Rivers Johnson, Warsaw attorney and member of the Legislature; and James H. C. Hill, president of the Faison organization. — Photo by Cletus Brock.

Jurors Civil Superior Court Dec. 1948

FIRST WEEK: Loyd Taylor, G. W. Lanier, B. W. Groves, Mrs. C. H. Hearn, Carl Whitfield, Paul Pate, Studie Farrior, Jeff D. Outlaw, W. W. Woodcock, Paul Johnson, Willie E. Outlaw, Elbert H. Southerland, Will Frederick, McCoy Summerlin, B. J. Norris, G. P. King, Elmer Goodson, J. L. Page, Jerry Teachey, L. H. Southerland, J. J. Brown, Edwin Usher, Elmer Swinson, G. L. Brown, J. E. Sloan, W. L. Walters, Alma Pierce, A. L. Brown, Levi Gavey, J. H. Mallard, J. Tate Harrell, Mrs. Annie Barwick, C. J. Brinson, Walter Powell, and Carl Teachey.

J. F. Whaley, G. S. Blackmore, Alex Judge, Earl Williams, Edward Bland, J. A. Swinson, J. L. Whitfield, Peter Pickett, Jr., E. C. Wilson, Rulus Carr, Ashley Kennedy, T. G. Herring, I. B. Shiver, S. R. Lanier, Freely Smith, Alonzo Fate, Owen Whaley, W. H. Brown, Richard A. Smith, E. V. Vestal, Roland Lanier, John B. Dixon, Roland Thomas, Vance Basden, Cyrus Bachelor, J. M. Brown, C. A. Godbold, Henry D. Brinson, Mrs. Isabelle P. Faison, L. D. Sheffield, Manly A. Carr, Roy L. Dunn, R. C. Henderson, D. D. Herring, David Fountain, and S. A. Blizzard.

Jurors County Court December 1948

Jurors for the December term of County Court are as follows: James C. Stevens, Miss Margaret Colwell, Jonas Edwards, ordon B. Thigpen, Emmett Jackson, M. J. Blizzard, M. G. Smith, W. B. Knowles, J. Alvas Powell, Dave Mercer, G. W. Miller, Claude R. Rouse, Elmer Weston, R. D. Merritt, C. S. Orr, Harry Mathis, James Whitfield, W. E. Brady, W. T. Hanchey, John Calvin Gurganus, S. E. Cavendish, Eawton Baker, Whitney Mabley, J. T. Frederick, Paul Goodson, and N. T. Grady.

Armistice Day In Warsaw

Anyone who could and did not go to the Warsaw Armistice Day Celebration missed something that they will never again be able to see. Taking it all-in-all, I am of the opinion that this was, if not the best, close to the best of the Warsaw Celebrations. A crowd estimated at some 10,000 came to see the colorful parade and to hear Judge Henry L. Stevens make an address unequalled by any past speaker at these annual Armistice Day Celebrations. It is usually an easy matter for any writer to pick out certain highlights of a speech and comment on them, but Judge Stevens' speech was without highlights — it glowed, throbbed and burned from the first to the last word. It was at one and the same time a fighting speech and a fervent prayer for peace.

Senator River D. Johnson was Master of Ceremonies and did the job as only Rivers Johnson can. Mr. Johnson introduced the Rev. J. Murphy Smith, of Faison, who gave the invocation. Mayor A. J. Jenkins then addressed the gathering welcoming them to Warsaw. Mr. Johnson then called upon Graham Phillips, Commander of the Charles R. Gain Post No. 127 of the American Legion, who also extended a welcome to those present. Mr. Johnson next introduced Mrs. Eva Roberson, a Gold Star Mother, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who expressed her pleasure at being present and at having had the pleasure to march in the parade. Mrs. Roberson is a nurse and served in 65 base hospitals during the wars. She had two sons in the service — one of which was killed in action. Mrs. Roberson was passing through Warsaw just prior to the parade and was persuaded to remain for the celebration. Mr. Ed Benson was then recognized as the member of the American Legion Post who had secured the most members during this years drive — 27 members were signed up by Mr.

Benson. Judge Stevens then spoke — his work will long be remembered by all who heard him.

Prizes were then awarded to those who won in the parade. First prize for the best float went to the Warsaw Hardware Company, for a float depicting the "Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima". Second prize to the Girl Scouts' float and third prize to the float of the Warsaw Rotary Club. To the children who marched in the Pet Parade this writer can only say "You were all perfect". I could not have possibly decided which was best and am glad that I was not called upon to make the decision. The judges gave the prize — a wrist watch, presented by Hines Auto Supply Co. — to Anne Straghan and her "Baby Carriage of Puppies".

The Rev. Van Stephens of Warsaw gave the benediction.

See next week's issue of the Times for a more comprehensive coverage of this day as Armistice Day Celebration.

Found Guilty Court Decision

Macy Bostic and Mae Whaley, charged with fornication and adultery, were found guilty in county court this week and sentenced to 8 months by Judge Robert West. It was alleged that they live together in a house rented by Mae Whaley in the Chinquapin section of the county. Several witnesses testified to having seen the defendants together on numerous occasions and that Macy Bostic's auto was frequently seen parked in the yard late at night and until early morning. Witnesses also testified to the fact that a 14 year old daughter of Macy Bostic's lived in the house as did the children of Mae

BOB GRADY SAYS

Well, John Sikes, secretary of the Wallace Chamber of Commerce, has finally got him a spouse. I doubt that he has honestly let his wife know his age.

John is a great writer and a great promoter. He has an unlimited flow of words in his vocabulary.

We wish for him many happy Returns in the future.

We are going to count on him a great deal in putting over our pageant. It is such fellows as he whom we can depend upon to assure success.

The Pageant can't fail if the people of Duplin will back it up and we know they will.

Sam Byrd has something great and we can depend upon him. His soul and heart are in it.

U. S. Savings Bonds Campaign Nov. 11 To December 11

Spearheaded by the American Legion as part of its program for making America stronger, a special promotion campaign for U. S. Savings Bonds began on Armistice Day across the nation.

North Carolina's goal by the year's end is to increase the number of regular bond buyers on the Payroll Savings Plan by 25,000 and the number of bank depositors in the Bond-a-Month Plan by 1,500, as the state's pro rata share of the national goal of 1,250,000 payroll savers and 150,000 more Bond-a-Month buyers.

Our Own Creation

Some American workers have had experience with businesses that couldn't pay. A company that is in danger of folding up is no good as an employer. Therefore, the problem facing the boss in his effort to show more income than expense is also the problem of the workers. If a business gets on the run (it may not want to move to Porto Rico), this indicates that something is seriously wrong. Ten to one, the income is not up to the outgo. Labor may have some of the answers. A lot of Americans may be fooled by the seemingly endless bounty of business. Government, also, is expected to give and give and give. Yet, it doesn't make sense to expect either of them to keep on giving forever. Neither government nor business ever actually creates a dollar of wealth. Each can give benefits only out of that which it receives. By the same token, our high living standards are actually the products of our own intelligent work and continued high production.

Whaley. Testimony by other witnesses tended to show that Macy Bostic has a wife from whom he is separated and that Mae Whaley's husband is dead.