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Armistice Celebration Warsaw, Friday

Congressman Barden To Speak; Large Parade; Ball Game; Dance; Chute Jump

The 31st annual Armistice Day Celebration will be held in Warsaw Friday November 11th. Woodrow Blackburn, Commander of the Chas. R. Gavin Post, American Legion, heads up the program plans. The entire day's celebration is under the sponsorship and direction of the Legion Post.

Warsaw has become nationally famous as a Legion town. The Chas. R. Gavin Post, named for a son of Duplin who was killed in World War I and who was brought back to life in the now famous Duplin story with the Warsaw railroad station scene, has been active in Armistice celebrations since the first World War. Warsaw's first citizen, Henry L. Stevens, Jr., became National Commander of the American Legion and his rise to fame in Legion work began with his work with the home town boys of the Chas. R. Gavin Post.

Highlighting the day's events will be the feature address at eleven o'clock in front of the Legion home by Congressman Graham A. Barden of New Bern. Mr. Barden is a veteran of World War I also. A mammoth parade will start off the day at 10:30 a.m. forming at the A.C.L. depot and marching South on Main Street to the intersection of Church where it will turn East, pass the new City Hall to the Baptist church. From there it will proceed to the Presbyterian church on Hill Street and West on Hill to the home on West Main Street.

Following the address by Mr. Barden who will be introduced by Judge Stevens, will be the awarding of prizes to the best floats and the winners in the pet parade.

The long parade will be headed by Congressman Barden and Judge Stevens, followed by Legionnaires of World War I and II and maybe some Spanish-American vets from Wallace, Rose Hill, Warsaw and the county. Following them will be a section of infantry from the 82nd Airborne and a section of 75 mm. anti-aircraft, both from Ft. Bragg, Battery D. of Wallace National Guard Battery B. of the

Beaufort National Guard, and Co. M. of the Warsaw National Guard will then follow; an 80 piece band from Wilmington High School, the E.M.I. band; the children and their pets followed by about a dozen floats from Warsaw, Goldsboro and maybe other places.

Featuring the afternoon will be a football game in the high school athletic field at 2 o'clock between the high schools of Warsaw and Mt. Olive. Also at 2 p.m. will be the daring spectacular "cut-away" parachute jump by Neal Stewart, 1947 California State Champion. The jumper will fall 1000 feet before opening a second parachute.

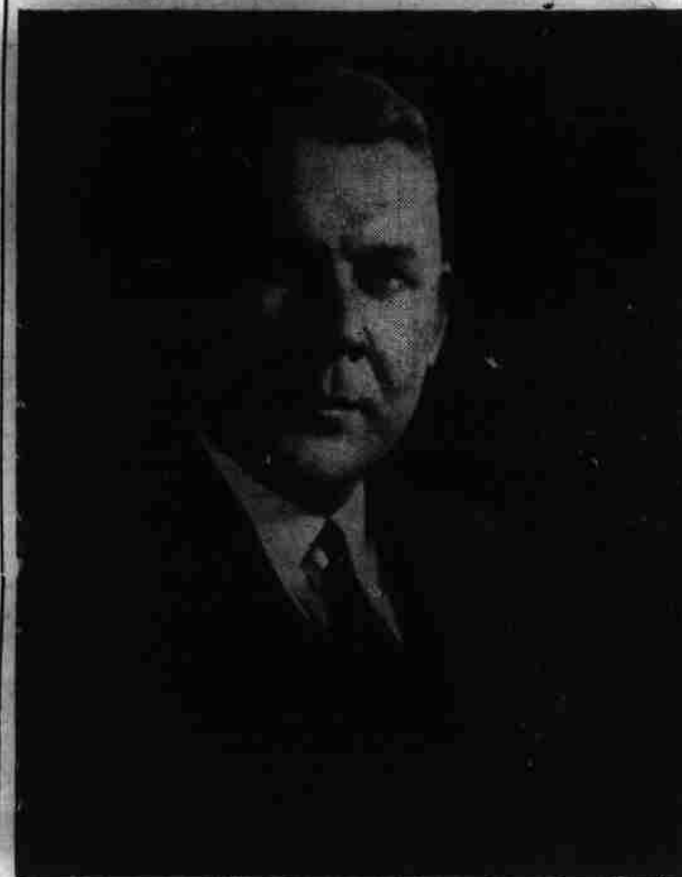
On the midway with Rafferty's famous carnival will be rides and entertainments for old and young. Being featured there at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. will be Captain Jack Carson in his free act. He will do an act on a pole 130 feet high. He will balance himself on one hand while twisting a lariat with the other as fireworks explode under him. He will do a number of other death-defying stunts.

Bringing the day's festivities to a close will be the annual Armistice Day Dance that night at 8 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. At 8:30 the Armistice Day Beauty Queen will be chosen from contestants from every community in the county. The contestants will parade across the orchestra stand and the winner from outside the county will make their selection. The queen will be crowned by last year's queen Miss Evelyn Davis of Warsaw.

Music for the dance will be by Bob Lee and his Collegians, a popular dance orchestra from Greenville whose slogan is "Best Dance Band in Carolina".

On Saturday night following Armistice an old time square dance will be held in the school gym, sponsored by the Legion Post. The Rose Hill String Masters will furnish the music and the Duplin Dancers, who danced in "The Duplin Story" and at State Fair will lead off the sets.

ARMISTICE DAY SPEAKER



Congressman Graham A. Barden

Governor Scott's Administration Goes Into The Red; Will Borrow

Money to Pay Current Operating expenses; First Time Since 1932

The State of North Carolina, in this year 1949, is facing the possibility of having to borrow money to pay current operating expenses. This hasn't been necessary since the bottom of the depression years.

The following story was released by the Associated Press on October 31st. We quote in detail: High Point, Oct. 31.—Confronted with the Associated Press news story out of Raleigh that State Treasurer Brandon Hodges, in answer to a radio broadcast last night, had said there was "nothing unusual" about the State's plans to borrow money for current government operating expenses. Editor Robert L. Thompson of the High Point Enterprise who made the broadcast, reached Hodges on the telephone today. Thompson then issued the following statement:

"To say that there was nothing 'unusual' in making an emergency operating loan—a thing to which the state had not resorted since the depth of the depression in 1932—seemed so ridiculous that I telephoned Brandon Hodges to learn what it was all about.

"He said to me: 'I was at a hell of a disadvantage. They called it when I was asleep.' He then verified what he told me last Thursday stating:

"The State will be forced to borrow on tax anticipated notes, in order to operate general fund functions, either in December or January with other loans probably to follow until the income tax receipts are in. This has not been done since 1932. There has been no general fund overdraft carried in years—how many Hodges did not know.

He will borrow when the general fund goes into the red. And he expects that is a matter of weeks.

"As to Attorney General Harry

McMillan's statement that overdrafts are usual in the winter months, the records do not bear him out, the law makes no provision for such overdrafts, and McMillan admitted to me that he did not know much about what he had been talking about.

"I said, and I repeat, that where as the state general fund had a budget balance of \$14,000,000 last June 30, and a reserve fund of almost \$32,000,000 a month or so before that, it is now almost in the red. I said, and I repeat, that the last time the State was forced to borrow money for operating expenses was in 1932, when the State was living on starvation income; but with the help of the legislature, the Scott administration managed to go into the red, and is forced to borrow operating money during one of the best years in its history.

"I said, and I repeat, that though anyone can go broke in bad times, for the State to get into such a fix in such times as take genius—genius of mismanagement. And I do not believe that all the whitewash which has been pouring over the AJ wires—apparently intended to cover up either the mistakes of the administration or the reportorial inadequacies of the Raleigh bureau—can alter the fact."

Armistice Service

There will be a special Armistice Service at the Baptist Church in Warsaw on Friday, Nov. 11th at 10 o'clock. Rev. A. W. Greenlaw will have charge of the services.

Dr. A. DeLeon Gray, Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage will guest speaker at the Baptist Church in Warsaw on Sunday, November 13th at 11 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Nothing beats Italian ryegrass for a winter lawn.

Laymen's Christian Missionary Campaign At Faison Church Nov. 13

The Rev. Dr. B. Frank Hall, Pastor of the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, will be the speaker at the evening services in Faison at the Presbyterian church when the Laymen's Christian Mission continues its fall Evangelistic Campaign in Southeastern North Carolina under the auspices of the Wilmington Presbytery in the Faison area November 13 and continuing nightly through November 18.

The Mission is a part of the Presbyterian Assembly's Evangelistic Advance, which opened with the world-wide communion service on October 2, and is to continue for fifteen months. Some thirty of the seventy-seven Presbyterian churches in this Presbytery are to take part in the movement.

Dr. Hall is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was at Morehead City. Later he was pastor of one of the largest congregations in St. Louis. While on a church mission after the war in Europe, he suffered a physical breakdown and was compelled to return to this country. As his health was gradually restored, he accepted a call to the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is a native of Wilmington.

The Rev. J. Murphy Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Faison and his committee, have arranged a full program throughout the area. Dr. Leland Foster Wood, director of the Department of Family Life for the Federal Council of Churches, and a noted lecturer and consultant, will speak nightly during the campaign at the Stanford church.

Dr. Wood is a graduate of the University of Rochester, the Rochester Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. degree. For six years he was a missionary on the Congo River and later was Professor of Social Ethics at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Since 1932 he has been the Secretary of the Commission on Marriage and the Home of the Federal Council of Churches.

Assisting Dr. Hall and Dr. Wood will be the Rev. Priestly Conyers, pastor of the Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church, Morehead City. Laymen of the Presbytery will also have an important part in the campaign.

At 10:15 on Monday Dr. Wood will speak at the Mt. Olive Pickle Plant. At 2 o'clock Mr. Conyers, an expert in youth training, will speak to teachers and pupils at the Mt. Olive school. The campaign will be discussed before the Warsaw Lions club at 7 o'clock and Dr. Wood will



R. B. (Bob) LEE
Director For Armistice Day
Dance Orchestra

conduct the preaching service at Stanford at 7:30.

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Mr. Conyers will speak at the Calypso school. At 3 p.m. Mr. Conyers will meet with the Warsaw Girl Scouts in Town Hall and a half hour later Dr. Wood will address the Sesame Ladies' Club of Faison.

Wednesday morning Mr. Conyers will speak at the Warsaw high school at 8:45 o'clock. He will speak at the Faison school at 10:15. At 2:30 p.m. Dr. Wood will meet with the Faison Branch Home Demonstration club at the club house. Mineral Springs and at 6:30 will address the men of the church of Calypso and Stanford.

Thursday's program includes an address by Mr. Conyers before the Warsaw Rotary club at 1 o'clock, and by Dr. Wood before the Mt. Olive Rotary club at 6:30. Dr. Wood will also address the parent-teachers association at the Mt. Olive school at 8 p.m.

On Friday, at 6:30 p.m., the Mission will be discussed before the Faison Lions club.

Plans are also being made for preaching services at Warsaw on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and at Mt. Olive on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

There will be evening services nightly at Bowden.

Following the Mission in the Faison area the campaign will be carried to the Whiteville area for the week of November 27 through December 2.

The Mission held its first campaign of the fall season during last week in the Morehead City-Jacksonville area. Next spring the campaign will be continued in the Wilmington-Clinton areas.

N. C. Symphony Drive Progresses Under Sponsorship Rose Hill Music Club

The North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra is scheduled to appear in Rose Hill in a short time. (The date of appearance has not been sent to The Times as yet.) The Little Symphony comes to Duplin under the sponsorship of the Rose Hill Music Club, whose president is Miss Estelle Fussell of that city.

Assisting Miss Fussell are the following: Steering Committee: H. E. Latham Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Dr. J. Fussell, Bob Herring and Mrs. Jack Cooper. Membership Committee: Ben Harrell, Mrs. W. H. Hall, Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Mrs. Granville Sheffield, E. L. Lanier, and H. S. Johnson. Ticket Sales CONTINUED ON BACK

Delwood Maready On USS Toledo

Delwood H. Maready, seaman, USN, of Rt. 1, Chinquapin, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Toledo, which is participating in "Operation Miki", a large-scale amphibious exercise in the Pacific.

The average lint yield of the 11 prize winners in the North Carolina Five-Acre Cotton Contest last year was 1,301 pounds per acre. The average yield of all 451 contestants was 854 pounds per acre, nearly

Freeman Does Not Prefer His Freedom

Freeman Smith is no longer a free man. Freeman is a Warsaw Negro who decided to take a ride. Last Sunday while down Cove City way he stole a 1941 Chevrolet belonging to Elvin White of Cove City. He drove the car back to his home town, Warsaw, where most everybody knew him and knew, too, that he did not own a car. Driving a little on the reckless side he collided with a car loaded with Negroes. None were seriously hurt but the two cars were damaged about \$200 each. Finding as how he needed a little cash in order to leave town he ran into the home of an elderly Negro, Tom Newton. Finding Tom in the bath tub he socked him one on the chin, took his pocketbook containing about \$12.00 and scatted.

Patrolman Whitaker and Warsaw police officials instituted a search immediately. Freeman seemed to be able to dodge them on every turn. They were about decided that he had skipped town when Chief Coombs went to his home and told his family that if he didn't give himself up quietly there might be some trouble. Coombs returned to the police station that night and found Freeman with his folks surrounding him, sitting in the mayor's office.

He is now in jail in Kenansville in default of a \$5,000 bond.

Columbia Concerts Coming To Section

The Columbia Concerts, with headquarters in New York, will soon make available many of America's outstanding artists to this section. Included among the artists are Nelson Eddy, Lily Pons, Fritz Kreisler, Lawrence Tibbets and many other noted singers, pianists, dancers and concert artists. They are being brought to the Duplin-Sampson area by the Clinton Community Concerts being organized in Clinton. Representatives from communities in Duplin and Sampson are among the sponsors. Memberships will be on sale next week. Headquarters for the movement is Butler's Drug Store in Clinton. Among those working in the movement are Mrs. McQueen, Mrs. Mossett Butler, Mrs. Polly Powell, Mrs. Sue Wells, Clinton; Mrs. John Peirce, Mrs. Litch Huie, Mrs. Paul Potter and Mrs. George Bennett, Warsaw; Mrs. J. O. Stokes, Mrs. Faison McGowan and Bob Grady in Kenansville.

The movement has just begun and it is expected that it will grow from year to year. When the Kenan Memorial Auditorium is completed plans are that some of these concerts be given in Kenansville and some in Clinton. For the time being all concerts are planned to be held in Clinton as they have buildings with sufficient seating capacity.

The first entertainment will be announced shortly. Admission will be by membership ticket only.

More Fun Planned In Warsaw

It seems the folks in Warsaw, especially the veterans of World War one think life is getting too slow since the excitement of early post-war days. To liven things up they are sponsoring a square dance in the gymnasium there Saturday night, November 19th. The Warsaw National Guard Unit is doing the sponsoring to raise money to add a classroom to their Armory building. They figure that if the other Vets in the county will work with them and attend their dance they will reciprocate when other sections want to raise some money. What, with all the Vets in Duplin pulling together they can accomplish many things in many communities.

Not only will you enjoy dancing but you may win a radio or 22 cal. rifle. Each ticket you purchase entitles you to a chance. The tickets will be drawn on the night of the dance. You don't have to be present to win. Too, a lady must win. The radio will not go to a winning number if it is held by a man. Another number will be drawn and so, until a lady's ticket is drawn.

Faison Native Signs Contract With M-G-M In Hollywood

(From Wilmington Morning Star) Five years ago, a petite 14-year-old blonde haired, blue-eyed beauty reigned as a queen in Wilmington's May Day festival. Last week the queen—Gloria Bass—signed a seven-year contract with a six months option as an actress with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Modeling in New York under the professional name of Gloria Drew, the 5-foot 3-inch beauty was discovered by MGM officials while participating in a television show. She was guest star for Jack Igen during his early morning broadcast from the Copacabana night club.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bass of Wilmington and Faison, Gloria was born in Faison and moved to Wilmington when she was 10 years of age. She attended New Hanover High School.

Last June she left Wilmington for New York and became a physical culture model for Joe Bonomo, publisher of "Beauty Fair Magazine". Some photographs taken in Bonomo's studio will appear in the December issue of this publication. Her second break came when she met Lou Irwin, manager of Margaret Ogden and the Rita brothers. Irwin and MGM officials witnessed Gloria on the Copacabana television show. Shortly afterwards, she signed a contract and will leave for the west coast within a month.

Gloria will return to New York to take diction lessons from Claudia Frank, well-known diction expert, so early that she may lose her southern accent.

After her discovery she attended a review of Paul Douglas' new play. She met the director during the play at the 21 club.

After a whirl of meeting movie-makers, Gloria got her biggest break when she met Frank Sinatra. She was one of the stars in his new picture that each star is busy with. Sinatra is busy with his new picture "The Band Wagon".

Four-In-One

Mrs. Daisy Merritt of Kenansville brought into the Times office on Tuesday one of nature's freaks. A green tomato that was plucked from her garden here in November. But not only here in November, it is four tomatoes grown together on one stem.

W. G. Johnson On Operation "Miki"

Willie G. Johnson, aviation structural mechanic, third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Johnson of Rt. 2, Rose Hill is attached to Fleet All Weather Training Unit Pacific, based at the Naval Air Station, Barber's Point, T. H., which is participating in "Operation Miki", a large-scale amphibious exercise. Before entering the Naval service Oct. 20, 1944, Johnson attended Magnolia High School.



Killed Nov. 1 thru Nov. 4	6
Injured Nov. 1 thru Nov. 4	91
Killed thru Nov. 4, 1949	685
Killed thru Nov. 4, 1948	591
Injured thru Nov. 4, 1949	7,076
Injured thru Nov. 4, 1948	6,108
Killed Nov. 5-7	4
Injured same dates	184
Killed thru Nov. 7, 1949	693
Injured thru Nov. 7, 1949	2,021

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