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10,000 Witness Warsaw Armistice Celebration; Graham Barden Speaks

"Let us bend our efforts toward world peace, but let us also keep in mind the marauder who might try to move in and impose upon us. I implore this nation to keep an adequate national defense. This is not a war-like attitude. It's just good sense."

With those words Congressman Graham A. Barden concluded a stirring address before 10,000 persons as Warsaw held its annual Armistice day celebration last Friday. The event, an almost-sacred tradition for Warsaw, is one of the largest of its kind held in North Carolina.

Rep. Barden stressed four points strongly in his address. He asked for a strong national defense, warned against the infiltration of foreign elements and asked that the United States continue to do its utmost to attempt to repay the debt it owes servicemen crowded into military hospitals throughout the country. He also reiterated his stand that federal aid to education is a virtual necessity. All four points were tied together as necessary keys to a peaceful future for the United States.

Warming to his subject the speaker asked for more participation in government matters by the average citizen. "We have the best government in the world," he said, "but good government is not a machine. It must have continued interest of every citizen."

Continuing the Congressman warned against sending too much of the taxpayers' money abroad. He cited his observations while on a tour of Europe and said, "It is my firm conviction that the countries of Europe must do certain things for themselves, develop trust in their government and their leaders, before we can help them. They are now a people without spirit. Large that no money of the taxpayers be uselessly spent before those people have begun to prove themselves."

Rep. Barden emphatically stated that too much of the foreign element was being allowed into the United States. "Hundreds of groups appear before Congress with their ideas on how our government and this country should be run," he pointed out. Then he added, "In most cases the majority of the members of those organizations are foreigners. They come before us trying to change our way of life before they have been in our country long enough to learn to understand it. They want to impose upon us the same hardships they had only recently fled."

On the question of federal aid to education Barden smilingly related, "We had a lot of trouble in the 81st Congress. . . I suddenly found myself in a hot conflict where the education bill was concerned." He said that he was surprised at the opposition that arose to the bill, a bill which would help the schools "a strong and supporting prop of our government."

Those who opposed the bill wanted dollar for dollar, given to public schools, also appropriated for private and church schools," the congressman reminded. Then he emphatically declared, "This idea is a medieval argument that once rocked Europe. Public tax money should go to public schools. . . Federal aid to education may not be necessary, but it is necessary that we do not begin to mix tax money with church money, regardless of any denomination involved. We must preserve our public school system according to true American traditions. . ."

In asking for a strong national defense program Barden reminded his listeners that recent reports reveal millions of dollars worth of American money has been sent to Europe for arms. "We don't know which way those guns are going to be pointed," he declared, "and to relax on our own defense would be sheer folly. A strong Army, Navy and Marine corps is the finest insurance policy for American freedom of which I can think. I am ready to pay my premium for that insurance."

The speaker was introduced to the audience by E. Walker Stevens, chairman of the board of elections of Duplin county brother-in-law of Judge Mentry L. Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw, who presided over the program. The talk followed a mammoth parade described as the best in the history of Armistice day celebrations there. Numerous floats, military and Legion marching units and bands were in the line of



Fifty Years An Editor

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 10.—"If you will pick the leftover cotton in that patch, I'll give you a year's subscription to The Progressive Farmer."

The 12-year-old boy picked the cotton. He got the paper and liked it. Seven years later he became its editor. Ten years later its president. Now Clarence Poe is celebrating the completion of what he calls "my first 50 years as an editor."

When he became editor The Progressive Farmer was a state farm paper with (of course) only one edition. Now it covers 14 states and has five editions with editorial staffs in Raleigh, Memphis, Birmingham, and Dallas. Then it had 5,000 subscribers; now 1,100,000. If you ask "How come?" Dr. Poe will first pay tribute to his early associates -- men like Dr. Butler, Dr. Kilgore, John Pearson, Prof. Mas-

sey -- on down to his present day fellow editors and business management.

"Next I would mention the tremendous increase in volume and value of agricultural information we are able to get from our agricultural colleges and their experiment stations and extension staffs. Next an even more tremendous increase in the progressiveness of farm people. Now farmers lap up this money making, intensely localized agricultural information -- farmers who used to scoff at what they called 'book farming' and thought the old Josh Billings verse a complete formula for farm success:--

He who by farmin' wood get rich
Must raik and hoe and dig and sitch
Work hard all day, sleep hard all nite,
Save every cent and not get tite.

Of his own boyhood, recently Dr. Poe wrote, "I worked in a cotton field the day before I began work on The Progressive Farmer."

Duplin Negroes Planning Achievement Day Program At Magnolia Nov. 19

By: R. E. Wilkins
The Duplin County Negro Farmers and Homemakers are planning the best and most attractive exhibit ever held by Negroes in Duplin County on November 19, at the Magnolia Industrial High School. Last year's dignitary at the Annual affair was Mr. A. L. Cavanaugh of Warsaw, who spoke of issues facing farm people. This year's program will include R. E. Jones, Negro State Agent, Miss W. R. Laws, Negro District Home Agent, A. W. Solomon of Farm Bureau and many local people. The Negro County

Agents are urging each farmer to bring out some of his choice farm products, that is, ten ears of his very best corn, a bushel of No. 1 sweet potatoes, four pullets or hens or any product that he feels is of superior quality. Home Demonstration Club women will include such exhibits as Room Improvement, Reupholstering Furniture, Food Preservation, Meal Planning, Window Treatment, Women Work Clothing, etc. The general public is invited to attend this big farm and home event.

Faison Seniors To Present "The Atomic Blonde"

Daily Rehearsals are progressing nicely on the annual Senior Class play. This year "The Atomic Blonde", a Jay Tobias Farce and a regular howl hurricane, will be given early in December, the exact date to be announced later. The seniors have a chance to bring out all their known and latent talent, for the parts are varied and interesting. College youths, beautiful

girls, ardent club women, gallant suitors, eccentric colored servants, a dutch cook, a neuralgic old maid, a quack osteopath, a gossip neighbor, a limb of the law, and a headless "hant" all help to complicate the plot built around an atomic blonde. The play is under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Bowden, who has had wide experience in play directing.

Faison To Have Dial Telephone Service

Mr. W. Y. Vann, local manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has announced that Dial Telephone service will be

by the new exchange. A member of a group of young ladies will visit each subscriber to demonstrate the proper use of the Dial Telephone.

Mr. Vann further stated that a change of all telephone numbers will be required in the connection. A temporary telephone directory showing the correct listings and numbers of all subscribers will be

TAX PAYER PAYS WITH PLEASURE

Kenansville tax collector C. B. Sitterton came smiling in the Times office this week and said "I have a news story for you; something a little out of the ordinary." What in the world, we asked? "Just now" he continued, "a citizen of Kenansville came into my office and said 'Pap, I want to pay my taxes. It is a pleasure to pay my town taxes. It's worth the cost just to have the trash around my house hauled off once a week'. Now that's a real citizen for you," Pap said. "If everyone would pay their taxes with a smile instead of with a grudge how much more pleasant life would be." At that Mr. Sitterton turned and walked away, still wearing that familiar smile.

Duplin One Of Six Counties Selected Crop Insurance

By: JULIAN E. MANN

The counties of Beaufort, Caswell, Duplin, Forsyth and Jones have been selected for tobacco crop insurance in 1950. These counties were selected on the basis of signed requests by interested tobacco producers in those counties from a total of eight counties actively seeking the insurance for next year. Rutherford County has been selected as a new cotton county in 1950.

In 1949 there were ten counties with all-risk crop insurance in North Carolina and are being continued in 1950. They are Columbus, Pitt, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wake and Wilson counties with tobacco insurance; Cleveland and Mecklenburg counties with cotton insurance; and Perquimans with "multiple" crop insurance.

The 81st Congress permitted a 50% increase in the number of counties over those with insurance in 1949 on a nation-wide basis. The Act also permits insurance on tobacco while in the curing barns and packhouses, covering fire and other unavoidable causes beginning with 1950 policies.

It is expected that North Carolina will have two additional cotton counties in 1950, of which Rutherford County has been selected as one and in which Polk County is being considered for the other.

The tobacco counties were selected through the County USDA Councils, composed of the heads of agricultural agencies in each county. Officers of the Councils were written requesting information on the demand for all-risk tobacco insurance in all counties where tobacco was an important source of cash income. There were fifteen counties which indicated interest after a survey by County USDA Council members.

In these counties meetings were held under the sponsorship of the Councils, to which leading tobacco producers were invited. Interest in the program appeared about the same in eight of the fifteen and it was from these eight that the Councils polled the interest of producers and the five selected on the basis of the largest percentage of eligibles for tobacco insurance agreeing to participate in the program for 1950.

Duplin County led the five counties selected in the number of tobacco producers agreeing to participate in 1950, and Beaufort County producers showed the largest percentage of those eligible for insurance agreeing to participate next year.

There were 2,123 tobacco producers in Duplin County who indicated they would insure, or 49% of those eligible, according to the 1945 Federal Census figures. In Beaufort County, 1,257 producers requested the insurance, or 48.6% of those eligible compared with the 1945 Federal Census. For the five new counties in 1950, a total of 5,146 tobacco growers have indicated that they wanted the insurance in 1950, or 39% of all eligibles based on the last Federal Census.

Dope Thieves Rob Store

City and State law officers are trying to sift clues into a mixture strong enough to provide a case in the robbery of a Warsaw drug store of several hundred dollars worth of narcotics early Wednesday morning.

Police revealed that Clark's Drug store was entered through a back door sometime after midnight Tuesday night and that a cabinet containing the drugs was pried open. The contents were emptied from the cabinet.

Police Chief W. E. Coombs of Warsaw said that night Police J. M. Pope gave him the following version:

He said that, about three o'clock, he was rounding a corner about a block from the drug store when a man ran from the rear of that business, dashed down an alley and jumped into a car. The car headed east. Pope said it was so dark he could not get a description of the man nor whether he had accomplices with him. He then walked to the rear and found the back door open and with a panel ripped from it. He said it appeared the burglar had reached through the hole and lifted a bar inside. He said he entered and found the lock broken from the cabinet which held the narcotics.

Coombs said he was then called in. The chief then asked the aid of SBI agent James Bradshaw of Burgaw. Bradshaw appeared and lifted several fingerprints.

But the case took an added twist Wednesday night. George Clark, proprietor of the store, claimed that the officers did not call him to tell him of the robbery. He said that when he got to the store about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning he found Bradshaw, Coombs and Pope inside. He added that, without authority, they also opened the cash register to check the money. Clark added, "They said no money was missing, but they couldn't know, because they didn't know how much was there in the first place." The store operator said he was told he wasn't called because "they were afraid I would destroy fingerprints."

Reached in Fayetteville Wednesday night Bradshaw said that he could make no statement on the case. He declined comment on why Clark wasn't called earlier. He also said he preferred not to give out any information on the case for fear of upsetting any progress thus far made. Coombs said Clark was informed of the robbery as soon as Bradshaw arrived and began to take prints.

Harvest Festival Proceeds Beautify School Grounds

Beulaville school decided to beautify her grounds with the money derived from a Halloween Festival.

The lawn will be rejuvenated and shrubbery placed about the ground with \$450 netted from the celebration.

The festival was sponsored by the PTA and besides a huge barbecue supper there were baby contests, fish ponds, apple ducking tubs, beauty shows, schoolroom contests and just about anything one would want for entertainment.

Turkey Shoot Planned Here Warsaw Saturday

You turkey hunters who are looking for some good sport in shooting and a good gobbler or turkey for Thanksgiving have just what you have been asking for come Saturday when turkey shoots are planned for Warsaw and Kenansville.

In the county capital the Lions Club is sponsoring an all day shoot at the Sheriff Williamson field near Rutledge cemetery. The shooting will begin about 8 in the morning and continue as long as there are sportsmen and sportswomen to shoot.

In Warsaw the Jaycees are sponsoring a turkey shoot at the Warsaw Produce Market from 9 to 1 and from 3 to 5.

Duplin Tax Valuation Shows One, One-half Million Dollar Increase

A valuation of \$27,116,419, an increase of about one and a half million dollars over last year, was placed on real and personal property in Duplin in the county-wide taxation for 1949, announced F. W. McGowan, Duplin accountant.

Taxes for the county amounted to \$27,363.34 or an increase of \$2,855.18 over the previous year. Real property in Duplin was evaluated

at more than \$17,000 while personal property including stocks and merchandise, automobiles and materials in the process of manufacture were valued at \$9,281,519. He comes from Rocking-Board of Assessment amounted to \$1,652,016. The largest single factor under this year was railroad property valued at \$1,335,457.

Dr. Greenlaw Delivers First Sermon In New Church

Dr. A. W. Greenlaw, who assumed the new pastorate of the Warsaw Baptist Church last week, preached his first regular sermon Sunday night to a large and interested congregation. He comes from Rockingham and Greenville, S. C. where he was professor at Furman University in the latter city.

Taking his text from Philippians 3:10, Dr. Greenlaw preached a simple though forceable sermon, centering the topic on "That I might know Him."

He vividly described "heroes" and how we are compared to hero worshippers, in that we uncon-

sciously pattern our lives after those we consider ideals. Paul says that it is a privilege to know Christ Jesus and considers that the most important thing in life. Dr. Greenlaw explained the power of resurrection; how all authority is His and how Christ is the power in the world and power over death. He explained how Christ suffered for others and for God and for us; and considering the fact that Christians who get acquainted with Jesus do count that the greatest privilege. In concluding he pointed out that we all need someone to respect and pattern our lives after.

From Our Readers

871 Willow Glen Way,
San Jose 10, Calif.,
November 7, 1949.
Editor, The Duplin Times,
Kenansville, N. C.

A copy of your bi-centennial edition recently came into my hands and has given me -- a native and boyhood resident of Kenansville -- much reminiscent pleasure.

In the section of your very creditable paper devoted primarily to descriptions of some of the old homes, appeared a cut of the old Pearsall home. I am almost sure this is the house in which I was born and lived until my family removed to Chapel Hill in 1900. If so, I should appreciate your turning this letter over to the photographer who made the picture, with a request that he inform me of prices on one or several copies of the half-tone.

The home in which I am interested stood, in 1900 and for some years thereafter, on a tract of about 14 acres, just west of what was then the James Sprunt Institute. Both were located in the northwestern part of town.

If I am correct in identifying this house, I shall appreciate your good offices in the manner requested above. In any event, please accept my congratulations on your achievement in the production of the bi-centennial edition, and my best wishes for the success of further observances of the county's anniversary.

Yours very truly,
(Col.) Waine Archer,
USA - Ret.

FROM SELMA HIGH NEWS Warsaw Wins

Even though Selma High won the football game at Warsaw October 7, by the score of 18 to 12, the Warsaw team and people won the hearts of the Selma team and supporters by the excellent sportsmanship displayed during our game and visit in Warsaw. A good clean game was played by both teams and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Our combined hearts go out in appreciation to Mr. Best who furnished free ambulance service to R. C. Hall, an injured Selma boy, and to Dr. Ewers who so graciously gave his service and advice.

We wish to congratulate the Warsaw school and her fine people. They won something bigger and better than a football game.

E. C. Jernigan

Home Talent Show In Warsaw

"Laff It Off", a home town show, will hold its last showing in the Warsaw High School Auditorium tonight at 8:15. The cast is made up entirely of Warsaw people and the Duplin Square Dance

Surveys Underway For New Highways Thru Kenansville

Highway construction engineers began work here this week on temporary surveys on proposed street-highway improvements and changes. Reports are to the effect that a contract is to be let in the near future to straighten out curves, widen the street to a 50 foot width to be paved and curbs and gutters constructed on highways 24 running east and west and 11 running north and south.

Highway 24 runs about two miles through town and now has a narrow, crooked paved street. The new route will follow approximately the same route only sharp angles at the western intersection and two at the courthouse will be nearly straightened out. A large section of the Baptist church front lawn will be taken into the rightofway and Stephens Hardware Store and Brown's Garage will be moved back. Also reports say that the front part of the old Pickett stables will be cut off.

Highway 11 from the school house running south, a distance of about 3-4 of a mile will be widened with gutters and curbs installed to intersect highway 24 near the present intersection. Paving is expected to be of concrete.

As soon as the paving projects are completed property owners along the sections now not having paved sidewalks are expected to pool their resources and pave the sidewalks.

Two Week Term Civil Sup. Court

A two week term of civil Superior Court will convene here Monday December 5th. Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford is scheduled to preside.

Rotarians Hear Speakers

Walter Cheek, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner, was the main speaker at a recent meeting of the Warsaw Rotary Club at their regular luncheon. Mr. Cheek spoke briefly on the general work and duties of the North Carolina Insurance Department.

At the regular meeting held last night Mrs. Powell of Clinton spoke to the club on the progress made by the Clinton Concert Association in organizing a group of music lovers in Duplin and Sampson counties to bring into this section world famous artists. The Clinton organization will be affiliated with Columbia Artists Management Inc. of

RECORDED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS
Killed Nov. 13-14
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