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Duplin County Industrial Values Increase Over One Million And A Half Dollars

The value added by manufacture of goods produced in manufacturing establishments of Duplin county has increased by approximately \$1,587,000 since before the war, according to information received here from C. Parker Persons, regional Director of the U. S. Department of Commerce in Atlanta.

A Census Bureau report from the 1947 Census of Manufactures shows, Mr. Persons said, that in 1939 the value added by manufacture of goods produced by manufacturers of Duplin county was \$494,000 and that in 1947 it was \$2,021,000. The term "value added by manufacture" means the value of manufactured goods in excess of the cost of materials and supplies, the Commerce Department official explained.

Most branches of Duplin county's manufacturing industries have grown correspondingly in the eight

year period, it was stated. The number of establishments engaged in manufacturing operations has increased from 437 to 679, and salaries and wages paid from \$190,126 to \$1,053,000.

The Census Bureau report, copies of which are available at the U. S. Department of Commerce offices in Atlanta and Charleston, S. C., at 20 cents a copy, also reflects the rapid strides made by North Carolina industrially since before the war. For example, the value added by manufacture of goods produced in the State as a whole increased by more than a billion dollars since 1939, going from a valuation of \$544,181,000 in that year to \$1,546,673,000 in 1947. Also the number of establishments engaged in manufacturing operations has grown from 294,314 to 381,480, and salaries and wages paid from \$246,834,206 to \$758,895,000.



Parade scene Warsaw Armistice Celebration. The Warsaw National Guard is leading what was said to be the most interesting and attractive parade ever held in Warsaw. Inset is Congressman Graham A. Barden, speaker for the 31st Armistice Celebration.

EDITORIAL

A WORTHY CASE

A Duplin County doctor reports that Virgil Melvin, 72-year-old farmer of Bowden, is in dire need of help. Mr. Melvin and his wife live in a one-room apartment in a broken down shack in Bowden. They have one son who is overseas. They receive \$37 per month from the government as their son's allowance for them. This is all the income they have. Last year Mr. Melvin farmed until his health forced him to stop work. He is nearly an invalid suffering with a hernia. The doctor says the hernia is the size of a water bucket. Otherwise Mr. Melvin's health is good and he would be able to earn a living for his wife and himself if the hernia was corrected. The doctor has contacted a surgeon who is willing to perform the operation free of charge if the hospital bill is paid. The doctor called the Duplin County Welfare Department about the first of October informing them of the circumstances and he was told they were not eligible for Old Age Assistance. The editor knows one person in Duplin on Old Age Assistance who is able to ride the buses and go where he pleases. And generally he does, but this couple, they say are not eligible. The Welfare Department told the doctor they would investigate. On Tuesday of this week he called the Welfare Department again and they told him they had not had time, since the first of October, to go to Bowden and investigate this case. Said they would as soon as they could.

The people of Duplin want to know what a Welfare Department is for. The department is operating, what's wrong? The county has a chance to get Sam Byrd here for the job but some would prefer to have local politics take its course than to have a well-qualified man for the job. If Sam Byrd were on the job the case of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin and other similar cases would not exist. And the cases of Old Age Pensioners riding the highways in buses would not exist. Many inequalities now existing would be erased because Sam Byrd puts human welfare above politics and local favoritism. The Melvin case is a clear example of why we need Sam Byrd. Sam doesn't need the job, it needs him.

If any of your readers would like to help Mr. and Melvin, send your contribution to the Duplin County Welfare Department in Kenansville or send it to the Duplin Times.

With an operation, and he is able to stand it, Mr. Melvin will be able to go back to work. J. R. Grady

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RETURN TO ITS FIRST PRINCIPLES

Raleigh welcomes the 2,000 messengers and delegates to the Baptist State Convention which convenes at Memorial Auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition to discussing the administrative affairs of the church, the delegates will consider the report on the General Board, the body which administers the affairs of the church between the annual meetings. It is always to be hoped that the governing delegates to the State Convention will set up a group of objectives that will be rational, reasonable, and religious. Last month a Methodist Assembly in Goldsboro adopted a resolution which said that anyone who approved of liquor, in any way including its legal sale and its use, should not be permitted to stay within the governing councils of the church. If this resolution were strictly applied, which it will not be naturally, some of the strongest lay members of many churches would have to get out immediately.

We are more interested in church groups grappling realistically with religious problems of the day rather than wandering into nearby fields which are more dramatic but less definitely the provinces of the church. It is widely recognized that church membership today is considered important socially as well as otherwise, from the individual's point of view. Somewhere and sometime some church is going to have to look the problem in the face and try to deal with it honestly and fearlessly.

One of these days some church is going to revert to first principles and devote itself to the study and practice of Christian doctrine as indicated by the Bible. When it does that and stops spending its energies fighting movies and dances and liquor and cartoon books and politics, the church will find that it has returned to its initial reasons for being. And when that happens, a lot of people who have stopped, will start going to church again.

The church, like its congregation, needs to return to first principles. The sooner it does, the sooner it will stop losing members. The Baptist State Convention could be a powerful force in re-asserting its

ARMISTICE DAY QUEEN IS CROWNED



Sue Lanier, 14-year-old Beula-high school girl, was crowned queen of Warsaw's 31st annual Armistice Day celebration Friday night. Adjusting the crown on her head in the picture is Evelyn Davis, 1948 queen. Others in the picture are Mildred Faison, left, of Faison, who placed third, and Peggy Kenan, right, of Wallace, who placed second. Entrants were chosen by vote in their respective high schools in Duplin County. Five hundred persons turned out for the beauty contest and dance which followed. The events concluded a gala Armistice Day celebration enjoyed by more than 10,000 persons.

Barden To Speak At Electric Power Day

Goldsboro, N. C.—Rep. Graham A. Barden, veteran Congressman from the 3rd N. C. district, will be chief speaker at the groundbreaking here December 2nd, when the Carolina Power & Light Company begins construction of the largest generating plant in its system. The announcement was made by President W. V. Westmoreland of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, which will be host at the ceremonies. Several hundred persons throughout eastern North Carolina have been invited by the Chamber to participate in the town's "Electric Power Day" program.

The event, scheduled for 11 A.M. will include a concert by the Goldsboro High School Band, and a brief talk by L. V. Sutton CP&L president, who also will officially

begin excavation for the steam electric generating plant by removing the first spadeful of earth at the site, which is on the Neuse River five miles from town. Barbecue lunch will be served at conclusion of the program, which is to be broadcast from 11:00 to 11:45.

Initial installation is to be made of a unit of 100,000 horsepower capacity, with plans for a second unit of the same size to be put in later, and basic provisions made for two more units when need arise.

The new plant, largest in Eastern North Carolina, is the second facility to be built in Carolina Power & Light's post-war \$78,000,000 expansion program. Recently, a 120,000 horse-power steam electric plant was dedicated at Lumberton.

Grove Services Sunday

Mr. Marion L. Simmons, student at Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond, will fill the pulpit at Grove Presbyterian Church here Sunday morning.

Banker Thompson Carried To Duke

E. C. Thompson, vice-president and cashier of Branch Banking and Trust Company in Warsaw was carried to Duke Hospital Sunday night. He is suffering from blood clot, it is reported. He was stricken while at the Rotary Club luncheon in Warsaw last Thursday. Reports say he will have to remain at Duke for several weeks and will be out of work for quite some time. His condition is reported serious but with proper care doctors say he should come out all right.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed Nov. 15-18	6
Injured same dates	713
Killed thru Nov. 18 this year	713
Killed thru Nov. 18, 1948	628
Injured thru Nov. 18, 1948	7,324
Injured thru Nov. 18, 1948	6,449
Killed Nov. 19-21	15
Injured same dates	79
Killed thru Nov. 21, 1948	730
Killed thru Nov. 21, 1948	636
Injured thru Nov. 21, 1948	8,003
Injured thru Nov. 21, 1948	6,502

Farm people save a lot more of what they earn than do city folks. One survey in Iowa shows that farm families put almost twice as much into savings as do town folks with

Farm Bureau Value To Farmers Emphasized In Membership Drive

North Carolina Farm Bureau's \$3.00 annual membership dues in 1939 equalled the price of 20 pounds of tobacco, 31 of cotton and 83 of peanuts, but today those same dues can be met by selling only six pounds of tobacco, nine of cotton and 29 of peanuts.

R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, N.C. executive vice-president, cited the figures this week to emphasize the value of Farm Bureau's local, state and national efforts to assure farmers "a fair price for their commodities."

"North Carolina Farm Bureau dues are the same today as when we organized in 1936," Shaw pointed out. "But prices of our commodities are much better and Farm Bureau of necessity must be given much credit for this more equitable return on the time, labor and money farmers invest in the production of crops."

"In 1939 Tar Heel farmers received per pound: 15 cents for tobacco, 10 cents for cotton and 4 cents for peanuts. The current average per pound is almost 50 cents for tobacco, nearly 33 cents for cotton and 11 cents for peanuts."

Shaw said the story of improve-

ment is the same in all commodities and that it stresses the "price-wise" value of Farm Bureau. Working with federal and state governmental agencies, Farm Bureau helped make this improvement possible, he said.

"Yearly membership dues of \$3.00 are returned to Farm Bureau members many times over each year through more equitable prices for their crops," Shaw said. "The state-wide campaign for 83,000 members will close Nov. 30 and each farmer who feels Farm Bureau has helped him and his family in its 13 years of operation in the State should be on the membership rolls by that date."

Amounts of commodities required to equal the \$3.00 annual dues, with the 1939 figure first and the 1949 figure second, include: corn, 4 and 2 bushel; wheat, 3 and 1 bushel; sweet potatoes, 5 and 1 bushel; Irish potatoes, 5 and 2 bushel; hogs, 44 and 16 pounds; chickens, 20 and 11 pounds; turkeys, 15 and 8 pounds; eggs 15 and 6 dozen; milk, 111 and 61 pounds; peaches, 2 and 1 bushel; commercial apples, 4 and 1 bushel; and strawberries, 28 and 11 quarts.

"Baby It's Cold Outside"; Season's First Snow, Sleet fell In Duplin Monday Night

The theme song of the week on Monday night in Duplin was "The Drizzling of a White Christmas." Though not officially here Old Man Winter made his seasonal debut in a child-like manner on the night of the 21st. He came in like a Lion. During the day Monday the weather was balmy and at times tropical winds were whispering through the trees. Later in the afternoon a heavy cloud embanked the western sky. Just after midnight heavy winds blew up and the thermometer took a tumble. It fell from the mid-sixties in the afternoon to a low of forty degrees by eight o'clock. Soon after 8:30 rain began to fall and in a few minutes sleet was pattering the window panes and close to nine snow was falling pretty in some places and light in others. Warsaw, Wallace and Kenansville reported snow and sleet.

Winds damaged power lines in Kenansville and for about a half hour power was off in one section of town. REA power lines were reported out of commission in the county.

At the time it was snowing in Kenansville the eastern sky was all a-glitter with stars.

Later in the night the wind calmed and the thermometer stopped falling. Tuesday found it bright and cold. That night, though still fair, the thermometer tumbled and at 12 o'clock registered 24 in Kenansville. As we write, Wednesday morning, the weatherman says today is due to get 15 degrees warmer than Tuesday.

Old timers say it was the earliest snowfall recalled here. Duplin experienced a white Thanksgiving in 1912, some say.

Governor's Proclamation

I urge ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS to join in the crusade against the great WHITE FLAG that has killed more than nine hundred of our citizens in the past twelve months.

because you have helped in this way to banish suffering and sorrow from the world.
W. KERR SCOTT, Governor.

Graham Phillips Has Close Call

Medical science has been successful in finding the cause for TB. Constant research is discovering and perfecting cures for the various types and stages of the disease. PREVENTIVE death from tuberculosis is needless.

It is our duty to provide the financial means for educational programs, field work, early diagnosis, treatment and immediate treatment, and untended research. It is our responsibility to banish this killer from our own and future generations.

Please do your share and more by buying and selling Tuberculosis Christmas Bonds, the sole monetary means for this tremendous task. The man who the fight by making investment of the 1949-50 concentrated

Graham Phillips, National Oil Distributor in Warsaw, has returned from a Kingston hospital where he was taken two weeks ago when he suffered a concussion of the head as a result of injuries sustained when two heavy pipes fell on his head. Phillips was working at the bulk oil plant in Warsaw when the accident happened. He was struck by the heavy pipes. He was rushed to a Kingston hospital where it was feared he may have suffered brain and permanent injuries. An examination revealed

22 Tonsilectomies Performed Here Wednesday In Health Department

Duplin County's first county operated hospital at the county seat went into operation Tuesday morning. The Gooding building which houses the Health Department on the second floor and a suite of offices on the first floor was turned into a temporary operating room and patients' ward for the operation and care of tonsilectomies. Twenty-two children were brought here to have their tonsils removed. Dr. O. L. Parker, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Clinton performed the operations, assisted by his staff of three nurses, Mesdames Mae Johnson, Anna Jane Harper and Eva Mathews of Sampson County. The staff of the Duplin Health Department, headed by Dr. O. V. Gooding, took care of the patients after the operations. Other participants in

the patients were removed after coming from under the influence of ether. Mrs. V. H. Reynolds and Mrs. Katherine Willard of Kenansville were the night nurses.

The clinic will be held here each week for the next fifteen weeks, Dr. Gooding said.

The following white children were operated on Wednesday: Ursula Brenda Williams, Joyce Lee Whaley, Lillian Kennedy, Katie Grey Miller, Shirley Dean Johnson, Preston Hill, Seth Thomas Blizard, Edith Ann Varker, Katie Everette, Eloise Lanier, Daniel Norris, Emmitt Lee Outlaw, Billy Ray Chambers, Kenneth Perry, James G. Batts, Jerry Turner, Lettita Piers, Robert Small, Hazel Small, Ruby Pope, Elizabeth Armstrong and Joan Hunter.