

EDITORIAL

Governor Scott's Fireside Chat

Governor Kerr Scott surprised quite a few people Wednesday night when he made his first appearance before a Duplin County audience at the annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter, Tuscarora Council of Boy Scouts. The Governor, in the role of chief speaker, sat between Judge Henry Stevens and Roy Cates. Judge Stevens was master of ceremonies and Mr. Cates introduced the speaker.

The Governor appeared well and in fine spirits. He seemed to radiate the spirit of the boys that were crowding over the balcony rail to hear him talk. His address, for their benefit, was directed mostly to the parents, scout leaders and all grown ups at the meeting and throughout North Carolina. In a somewhat reserved manner, with a paused and calculating countenance, he seemed to talk directly from his heart. There was no politics in his message. An occasional joke-like cut at some of the anti-Scotts was well given and well taken. He spoke like a governor who might have been in his home county giving out some good old fireside homespun philosophy. He did not manifest a feeling of fear for the days ahead but taking a world-wide view of the times and being cognizant that maybe the hope of the world rests on the people of the United States, just such people as those who were listening, he countenanced that we "need to train our young folks for character building . . . for men and women who can stand in their own tracks, where they are."

"We are a part of a world government" he said, "a world government that must be worked out some where, some time." "A world policing of all peoples" he said must take place.

Invading the field of Atomic energy he prophesied that the new discovery of the 20th century was going to change many of our habits and customs in years to come. It is going to bring about a new world and it is up to us to lead the way.

Mentioning the fact that crime is on the increase in the small villages and rural areas he charged the home and church with much of the responsibility, saying that the responsibility of raising a child rests in the home and church and not in the school.

The governor hardly gave the appearance of a man in high office; more, he was a counselor who was sincerely striving to inspire his listeners to take a new lease on life, and in a different course.

His hearers sat almost spellbound, some with surprise but all acquiescing in what he said. No doubt those who heard him Wednesday night will welcome the chance to hear him talk again in the fireside chat atmosphere.

J. R. GRADY

Capacity Crowd Hears Noted Pianist In Clinton

By: ADDISON ROSEA

Abbey Simon, a gifted pianist who takes pleasure in his talent, and enjoys sharing it with his hearers, delighted a capacity audience at the Clinton Theater Tuesday evening. Through what turned out to be a fortunate accident, printed programs did not arrive in time for the concert, necessitating Mr. Simon's announcing his selections from the stage. His announcements, with brief explanations of the pieces, contributed much to the enjoyment of the program by the audience.

From his opening group of three Songs Without Words by Felix Mendelssohn, it was evident that the artist had full technical mastery of his keyboard; he played "May Breezes", "Lost Illusions" and "The Spinning Song". With his playing of Beethoven's Farewell Sonata in E flat Major, it was recognized that he had more than mere technique; he played it with marvelous clarity and deep feeling. The three movements described as Leave Taking, Absence, and the Return Mr. Simon concluded the first half of the program with De Falla's well-known Ritual Fire Dance, and was enthusiastically applauded by the audience.

Mr. Simon explained his first selection of the second period, a Toccata by Prokofiev, as having been written during the period when the composer felt that music should imitate contemporary sounds; this toccata eulogized machinery. Its vigor and virility showed itself in rhythms and glancing dissonants. He then played Chopin's Nocturne in B flat Minor, and Scherzo in E Major. With the playing of Franz Liszt's from Paganini's violin composition, the artist reached the high point of the evening. Mr. Simon played Liszt with great delicacy and feeling.

For his last group, the artist invited audience participation. He called for four notes from members of the audience; the first series of four notes he wove into a truly beautiful waltz in the style of Chopin; the second series into an impressive Prelude in the style of Rachmaninoff; and the third series became a Jerome Kern tune.

Mr. Simon was generous with his encores, and the audience kept demanding more. His first encore was Chopin's Black Key Etude (G flat Major); his second was the Etude in E Major. The audience asked for more, and he played Rachmaninoff's transcription for piano of Kresler's Liebesleid. Again the audience called him back, and he played Chopin's hauntingly beautiful Nocturne in E flat Major. For a final encore, he played Chopin's Etude in F Major.

More than 500 members of the Clinton Community Concert Association were present to hear Abbey Simon in his first concert of a series of three to be presented in Clinton this season.

According to Don Britt, president of the Association, one factor which contributed much to the success of the concert was the privilege of holding it in the Clinton Theater. "We want to express our thanks to the management of the Clinton Theater for making the theater available for this concert without charge, as a public service to this community."

Ushers for the occasion were the following boys and girls from the Clinton High School: Jack Robinson, Hulon Warren, Billy Robertson, Dick Bethune, and Misses Ann Bostick, Blanche Casey, Maryanna Bradshaw, Edna Clifton, and Jeanne Best.

Sleet And Snow Mostly Rain

As we write, Thursday evening, the weather is threatening that long awaited (by children) white Christmas. Though yet several days before Christmas it looks as if we might have a snow. Some snow and sleet have been reported seen in Kenansville, Warsaw and Beulaville but not enough to hardly count; it's been mostly rain. The thermometer is hovering a little above freezing and it may be that tomorrow will give the youngsters what they have been wanting to see.

Warsaw G. A.s Present Special Program Joanne Britt Receives High Honor

By: MRS. GRAHAM PHILLIPS

The Girl's Auxiliary of the Warsaw Baptist Church presented its third annual Coronation and Recognition service Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in a most impressive candlelight ceremony amidst a background of white gladioli, fern and ivy.

Each girl entered the auditorium one at a time, according to her rank, carrying a lighted candle.

Miss Joanne Britt entered first, accompanied by her cape-bearer, Fisher Mullens, and was presented her cape, signifying the rank of Queen Regent, and was presented her cape by the Rev. A. W. Greenlaw, pastor. Dr. Greenlaw said, "It is a privilege to present you this as a token of having reached the highest honor of Girl's Auxiliary work. You are the first in this church and one of the few in the State of Southland to achieve this."

After the presentation Miss Peggy Mitchell entered with her scepter-bearer, Neal Mitchell, and was presented her sceptre by Miss Britt, which denoted her rank, Queen with a Sceptre.

Five young ladies followed next and were crowned Queens by Misses Britt and Mitchell. They were Misses Betty Phillips, Iris Ezzell, Georgia Hopkins, Ross Garner and Joyce Whittle. Each was accompanied by a crown-bearer who were Ellen Anne Pollock, Jerry Powell, Sheila Roque, Marena Blackmore, and Boho Potter.

Next came the Princesses: Misses Naomi Eason, Marjorie Davis, Betty Ann Parker, Peggy Torrans, and Fay Blackburn. They received their gold G.A. emblems from the Queens.

The Ladies-in-waiting, Misses Barbara Jones, Lillie Mae Phillips, Barbara Lassiter, Barbara Itanell, Shirley Shipe, Rebecca Jason and Helen Herring were presented their white stars also by the queens.

The last group to enter were the maidens who received their green hands from Miss Betty Phillips. They were Misses Pat Hubbard, Jewel Faircloth, Frances Matthis, Sarah Alice and Jackie Fussell, Betty Faulkner and Ann Lee.

Preceding the Recessional the entire group sang, "We've a Story To Tell To The Nations," the G.A. Anthem. Mrs. Paul Potter, organist, played softly during the entire service. Candlebearers were Nina Garner, Sue Whittle, Judy Rollins and Judy Stantill.

Following the service the WMU held a reception in the Ladies Parlor, honoring the Girl's Auxiliary and the new pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Greenlaw. Mrs. Frank Thomas, WMU president, greeted the guests. Mesdames Allan Draughton and J. F. Strickland presided at the punch bowl. They were assisted in serving by Mesdames Oscar Best, V. A. Stancil, Kathleen Snyder, Geo. Bennett and Henry West. Misses Dorothy Eason, Joyce Jones and Mrs. Gra-

Awards Presented Duplin Farmers In BFBL Contest

At a meeting of the sponsoring Lions club in Wallace Monday night awards were presented in the annual "Better Farming For Better Living" Contest in Duplin County.

Melvin Cording presided over the meeting and made the awards. First place in the contest went to Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Blizard of Kenansville. They received cash and merchandise awards amounting to \$35. Others listed in the first ten, in the order of their awards, were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Keir of Teachey; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Arcuri of Faison. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sutton of Mt. Olive, RFD; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hern of Teachey; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wood of Warsaw; Mr. and Mrs. Bland Noble of Pink Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhodes of Beulaville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanderson of Beulaville; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Outlaw of Mt. Olive, RFD.

The merchandise awards came from merchants of Wallace. Cash awards in each county entering the contest are presented by local banks and the Tide Water Power Company of Wilmington.

Appearing on the program and offering congratulations to the winners was L. F. Wason, Duplin coun-

ty ham Phillips said the goodbyes. A Christmas party following the reception was enjoyed by the G.A.s and their leaders and invited guests.

Special Recognition
Special recognition should be given Mrs. Wilbur Garner and her assistants Mrs. L. S. Whittle and Mrs. N. A. Mitchell for their splendid leadership and untiring efforts that made this training possible for the young people.

Big Event Opens In Kenansville

Paul Ingram, popular manager of the Duplin Mercantile Company in Kenansville announces the opening of his big sale today. Mr. Ingram says that all merchandise has been marked down and the writer can vouch for that statement as he has been in and looked it over. It will be recalled that the store put on a large sale last season. This is the second. Read their ad on another page.

3rd Tonsilectomy Held Here Wed.

Duplin County's Health Department held its third tonsil clinic in the Health Department building here Wednesday. Fifteen children underwent the operation and all are doing fine. Dr. Parker of Clinton performed the operations. The following children were patients:

Peggy Armstrong, Colby Johnson, Peggy Chestnutt, Richard Taylor, Joyce Bryant, J. C. Bryant, Jr., Mary Lee Rouse, Elwood Hardy, L. H. Rouse, Elwood Bruce Tynan, Carolyn Bizzard, Lawson Wilkerson, Jennet Bishop, Elwood Rouse and Gladys Dixon.

Duplin Towns Get \$336 In Tax Slice

Duplin County towns shared last week in a State-cut melon when the Revenue Department distributed its second quarter portion of the franchise tax which the 194 General Assembly assigned to cities and towns.

For the State, the pot came to \$126,973.39, but most of the checks were small ranging from \$2 up to more than \$18,000 paid the city of Charlotte.

The General Assembly voted to apportion three-fourths of one per cent, slightly less than one-sixth of the six per cent franchise tax, to the municipalities.

The total receipts in Duplin amounted to \$336.55 shared by seven towns.

Well Baby Clinic

In order to better serve the public's demands the Well Baby Clinic in Warsaw will be divided into two parts, one serving white and one colored. The Clinics will be held at the City Hall on every first Tuesday from 11 to 12 for whites and from 3 to 4:30 for colored.

At this clinic babies are immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough and smallpox.

Mothers are given advice on the care of babies. Advice on planned parenthood is also given.

Christmas At The Brinson Home

The home of Mrs. Cora Brinson on the Chinquapin road about two miles out of Kenansville is attracting much attention these holiday nights. Her sons and daughters took upon themselves to fix up the home for their mother and themselves with Christmas lights. The old colonial home, sitting some little distance from the road, presents an attractive and inviting look to the passers-by.

Extension work has become a motive force for greater agricultural production and better rural life in many counties around the world.

250 Scouts, Parents And Friends Hear Gov. Scott Deliver Inspirational Talk

Governor Kerr Scott Wednesday night declared that rural and community churches had "fallen down" in their duties toward the children of the United States.

Addressing more than 250 Scouts, Scouters, Cubs and their guests at the annual meeting of the Duplin county district of Tuscarora Council, Boy Scouts of America in the National Guard Armory in Warsaw, the Governor said, "Churches all over the country have sought to delegate to schools the teaching of the Bible and the moulding of the character in children." He added, "Even the Supreme court has ruled this wrong."

The Governor told the gathering, church workers, civic organizations and Scout leaders and particularly parents have a great responsibility in the moulding and building of character in children who must some day take the place of those who are at the helm of the government and the world today. Mr. Scott also touched briefly on world affairs during the course of his talk. He asked for a world government which could control atomic power and use it for the good of humanity. He said, "I realize that this (world government) is going to require a lot of work, but it is necessary that atomic power be used for constructive rather than destructive purposes."

The speaker brought quite a few chuckles from his Scout audience when he referred to his campaign tour through Duplin county. "I was down here a little while ago doing some scouting myself," he said and added, "and I found quite a few wild Indians." Duplin county voted against Scott in the election.

The event was presided over by

Judge Henry L. Stevens. During the course of a business meeting J. C. Thompson of Warsaw was re-elected president of the council. He is now a patient in Duke Hospital. A wire from him wishing success for the meeting was read. Other officers included Roy Carter, of Wallace, vice-president, and Henry L. Stevens, III, of Warsaw, commissioner. The vote was unanimous for all three men.

Charles Boyer, director of the Tuscarora Council, William Craven, field director, and John Dierfel, council representative, offered reports.

Governor Scott was introduced by his boyhood friend Roy Cates of Faison.

The supper was prepared and served by members of the Warsaw National Guard. The menu consisted of Italian spaghetti, candied marshmallows, yams, lettuce salad with french dressing, hot rolls, hot coffee for guests and milk for the scouts. Members of the guard preparing the meal were Sgt. Felton Rouse, Carroll Best, Pfc. Brock, Paul Carter, Grover Hall; Pvt. Rodney Hall; and Rcts. Chas. Guy, Bobby Dudley and Mose Strickland. The meal was prepared in the Armory on regulation Army Field equipment. Boy Scouts served the plates. Members of the Honor Guard standing at attention at the entrance were Cpl. Ralph Best and Sgt. Sam Martin.

At the opening of the meeting Rev. R. L. Crossno, Methodist pastor, led the invocation. The audience sang "America" led by Bob Herring of Rose Hill. At intervals during the program Herring led the crowd in singing.

Sheriff And Deputies Inset Christmas Plans For County's Bootleggers

By: EMORY SADLER

Sheriff Ralph J. Jones and his deputies have had a busy time for the past five or six days running down bootleggers and manufacturers of non-tax paid liquor. On last Friday they located and destroyed a 100-gallon still on the timber property of the Plymouth Plymouth Company, about six miles east of Magnolia on the old Raleigh-Wilmington dirt highway. This still was in operation when the officers found it, but the negro operating it outran the deputies and got away. On Sunday they located another still about one mile distant from the one found on Friday. They watched this still until Wednesday hoping that the operators would come to it. However, no one appeared so the officers destroyed the still and eight barrels of beer.

In Wallace on last Sunday Sheriff Jones and his deputies secured search warrant for the home and garage of Ed Newkirk, Negro, where they found a quantity of non-tax paid liquor inside the garage building and a fifteen gallon copper still hidden under some beds-steads and bed springs within five feet of his back door. The still showed considerable use, though it was not set up for use when found. From Newkirk's they went to a colored club or restaurant known as the "Night-in-Gale" and the

"Ambassador Grill" operated by John and Emma Ingraham, negroes, where they found John Ingraham preparing to color or flavor three one-half gallon fruit jars of non-tax paid liquor with fly tox. Here one of the officers noticed that the coal pile behind the house had recently been refilled. They dug into it and found a case of twelve one-half gallon jars of non-tax paid liquor.

In the Chinquapin section Sunday sheriff's deputies acting with a search warrant raided the home of George Hill and found a quantity of non-tax paid liquor in the house and one and one-half gallon jar of non-tax paid liquor hidden under a lard stand just outside the house. Hill told officers that he couldn't get work and had had a bad crop this year and that it was either steal or sell liquor and that he'd rather sell liquor than steal.

Sheriff Jones says that he believes there is more liquor being made and sold in Duplin at this particular time than at any time he remembers and that he is determined to do everything possible to stamp it out. He invites the citizens of the county to report to him any violations of the law that they know about and assures them that immediate steps will be taken to apprehend the violators.

Ball Player Suffers Broken Neck In Wreck Near Pink Hill Last Week

David Roger Smith, 18, of Deep Run suffered a broken neck and other serious injuries Thursday night in an automobile accident on a curve near the fire tower as the youth, with other high school boys were returning from a basketball game at Grady School. He was first taken to Parrotts Hospital in Kingston where a splint was applied

and then immediately to Duke Hospital at Durham. He is paralyzed from his armpits down.

A group of seven boys were in the car but Smith was the only one critically injured.

The car was owned by Jesse Tyndall of Deep Run but he was not an occupant. The driver, Elwood Whaley, was held for investigation.

To Present Christmas Program

The Presbyterian Church in Pink Hill will present its Christmas Program Sunday night, Dec. 18, at 7:30 in the form of a Cantata (The Choir of Bethlehem). This cantata, prepared by Noel Benson, features phrases of music from Handel's

Messiah and other notable compositions. This will be the only music in the program and is presented by the church choir under the direction of Mr. J. H. Watlington, Jr.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

Injured thru Dec. 9, 1948,	8590
Injured thru Dec. 9, 1948,	6844
Killed Dec. 10-12	16
Injured same dates	109
Killed thru Dec. 12, 1948,	784
Killed thru Dec. 12, 1948,	694
Injured thru Dec. 12, 1948,	8759
Injured thru Dec. 12, 1948,	6895

N. C. Farm Delegates Voting First Time; Vestal Voting Delegate

North Carolina Farm Bureau's six voting delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation's 31st annual convention at Chicago, Dec. 11-16, are casting ballots for the first time at a national meeting of the organization.

R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, NCFB executive vice-president has reported that the votes of the Tar Heel delegates will be observed closely by AFBF leaders this year because the NCFB leads the South and ranks 5th in the nation in membership. Voting delegates include: C. G. Maddrey, Ahoakie; E. V. Vestal, Kenansville; Troy Page, Smithfield; Carl T. Hicks, Walstonburg; George Sockwell, Elon College, and A. P. Allen, Lumberton.

Resolutions adopted at the convention by vote of delegates from 45 States and Puerto Rico, Shaw said, will comprise the AFBF's policy on matters related to agriculture and the welfare of farm families.

Some 186 NCFB members are on the Chicago trip, with most of them traveling on the "A. C. Edwards President's Special Train" on the Southern Railway, Shaw said. The train left Goldsboro, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 9:00 a.m., and was scheduled to begin the return trip Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Shaw, a member of the AFBF Board of Directors, and NCFB President A. C. Edwards, Hooker, a member of the AFBF Resolutions Committee have key roles in the national meeting. W. W. Eason, Maclefield, former NCFB president, and T. C. Annan, West End, will represent NCFB on the AFBF field crops, and fruit and vegetable committees, respectively. State Farm Bureau Commis-

Trio Escape Asphyxiation

W. E. Gresham, Beulaville's post master, and son, Robert, and two daughters Edna Earl and Mary Jane, barely escaped asphyxiation one day recently when Mr. Gresham and Robert were taking the girls back to Greensboro. They were driving along comfortably and no one had noticed any peculiar odor or anything out of the ordinary. They were a little tired and the girls somewhat sleepy, but nothing unusual on a long drive.

When they drove into Goldston, a small town not so far from Sanford, Edna Earl, who was driving, pulled the car into a service station for a brief stretch. As she stepped from the car she keeled over and completely passed out. As she fell on the cement she suffered bruises on her head. At the same time her sister Mary Jane and Mr. Gresham passed out. Robert did not quite pass out. A hurried call was sent for a doctor. In just a few minutes they all were revived. The doctor said they were overcome with monoxide gas escaping into the car from a broken exhaust pipe.

The girls were carried on to Greensboro where they were placed in the N. C. W. C. infirmary. All are fully recovered now.

Schools Close Wed.

All Duplin Schools will close on Wednesday, Dec. 21st for the Christmas holidays. They will reopen on