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Wrecks Take 3 Lives As Years Exchange

Stacy Britt, Warsaw Fire Chief, Dies Instantly While In Line Of Duty

Three Other Firemen Are Injured; Britt's Wife First To Receive Call.

Answering a call to a blaze in Rose Hill last Saturday Volunteer Fire Chief Stacy Britt, 38, of the Warsaw Fire Department, was instantly killed about 11:30 when the fire truck he was driving was struck by an automobile and then turned over. Three other members of the fire department were seriously injured, one critically. John Anderson Johnson, son of Senator and Mrs. Rivers Johnson, suffered a concussion of the brain, fractured skull and other injuries. Billy Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bartlett, suffered a fractured shoulder and broken jaw bone. James Norwood West, son of Mrs. J. N. West, suffered a leg and hip injury. Johnson and Bartlett were rushed to the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington where they are still patients. Bartlett is recuperating nicely it is reported but Johnson's condition is still critical. West was not carried to the hospital. He was treated in Warsaw by Dr. Ewers.

According to reports a telephone call came to the City Hall office in Warsaw and Mrs. Stacy Britt, wife of Fire Chief Britt, and City clerk, took the call. She in turn called Britt's Service Station and on being informed her husband was out she called assistant Fire Chief John Anderson Johnson. Johnson gave the alarm and located Britt. He, Britt, West and Bartlett then rushed towards Rose Hill on the truck, followed by a number of cars from Warsaw.

About ten minutes later the telephone rang in Dr. Straughan's office reporting the wreck, calling for all doctors in Warsaw and the ambulance. Mrs. Straughan took the call. She then called Bill Sheffield at the Warsaw Drug Store who in

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Duplin Wreck Victim Dies In Richmond Hosp.

Homer Cleveland Redman, Jr. died in a Richmond hospital December 28th from injuries received in an accident in Duplin County on Christmas eve, Coroner C. B. Sitterton was informed yesterday.

The account of the wreck as carried by the Times in the issue of December 30th revealed that Redman was riding with his brother Grady Johnson Redman when the car ran into a ditch near the James service station in the Friendship community on the night of December 24th. Homer Redman was rushed to the veterans' hospital in Fayetteville and from there transferred to a veterans' hospital in Richmond.

Patrolman Earl Whitaker investigated the wreck and had a warrant issued for Grady Redman, brother of the injured man, and driver of the car on charges of drunken driving and bodily injury. Nothing else was heard of the matter until yesterday when Mack Swinson, whose wife is sister of the two men, reported to Sitterton that Homer had died and that he was buried in Charlotte. Redman was arrested in Pulaski, Va. where he is being held in jail. He waived extradition and this morning Deputy Perry Smith left Kenansville to bring him back. The warrant probably will be changed to manslaughter.

The victim was residing with his mother, Mrs. Mack Swinson and his father is from Burlington where he was employed as a truck driver for the Burlington Mills.

Choir Meets Monday

The Duplin Choir will meet on Monday night in the local Baptist church instead of the school auditorium as originally announced. Changes of place is necessary because of work being done in the auditorium.

Interested persons are urged



WARSAW FIRE TRUCK WRECK — Shown above are what remains of the Warsaw fire truck and the automobile of William R. Wilson, Magnolia Negro, after they collided at Magnolia when the firemen answered a call to Rose Hill. Fire Chief Stacy Britt, 38, of Warsaw, driving the truck, was killed instantly, and Fireman John Anderson Johnson, Willie E. Bartlett, Jr., and James Norwood West, all of Warsaw, were injured, Johnson critically. — Photos by Patrolman Earl Whitaker.

Kenansville Post Office Goes Second Class; New Clerk And Building Seen In The Future

Postmaster J. L. Williams announced this week that with the close of business on December 31, 1949, the Kenansville Post Office moved up from third to second class. This is the first time in its history that the local office has moved into the second class bracket. Even though business in general in Duplin County showed a decline in 1949 and the Christmas rush was not as heavy as heretofore, the local post office showed a nice gain. In view of this it is safe to assume that the Kenansville Post Office will be permanently in the second class bracket. This brings to a total of three post offices in the county in the second class group. Wallace was first to make it then came Warsaw. Rose Hill went into the second class group during the war but has dropped back into

Register Of Deeds Reports Largest Years Work In History

A. T. Outlaw's annual report of services rendered by the office of Register of Deeds shows an all time record for fees collected and duties performed by that office. In connection with the report the Register of Deeds offered the following information and comments: "The total collections of \$8,086.45 for the year ending December

The result in Kenansville, Mr. Williams said, will be the addition of a new clerk and eventually a federal post office building. The new clerk is expected to begin work at the beginning of the new fiscal year July 1st. If the local post office received credit for the franked mail it handles it would have been in second class years ago. Kenansville has only two rural routes and they are very short. If territory around the town received its mail from the local post office no doubt Kenansville would handle more mail than any post office in the county. Gross stamp card and envelope sales for 1949 totaled \$8115.38. It requires a gross of \$8,000 to go in to the second class group.

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STACY HERRING BRITT Fire Truck Victim

Byrd Considers Wilmington Pageant

According to a report in the Wilmington Star Sam Byrd, director of "The Duplin Story" wants to do a pageant for Wilmington. Quoting the Star: "Sam Byrd, of 'Duplin Story' fame . . . wants to turn out a historical pageant tracing the life of Wilmington and New Hanover County. Feels, with enough time he could turn out a job of which Wilmington could boast. And he doesn't want to do it over night. Says it would take about a year to gather the material and prepare for the pageant . . . Judging by the fame 'The Duplin Story' achieved and the publicity it brought to Kenansville and Duplin County, the idea might be a good one."

J. A. Johnson Is Reported Improving

Hospital reports from James Walker Hospital late Wednesday evening said that John Anderson Johnson, injured in the Warsaw fire truck wreck, is slowly improving. He has regained partial consciousness and is taking nourishment. Doctors now are hopeful of his recovery. Billy Bartlett was still in the hospital Wednesday but is recovering nicely, James Norwood West is able to be out with the use of crutches.

Correction; Jones

In the issues of Dec. 23 and 30 the Times carried a four column ad for the T. A. Turner Company Store in Pink Hill. At the bottom was listed the names of the partners in the corporation who are active in the business. Through an oversight on the part of Bob Grady the name of Clarence C. Jones was omitted. Clarence is bookkeeper for the firm as well as partner and has been with the Turner concern for many years. Clarence is well liked by all who know him and is almost "one of the Turner boys" except he carries the name of Jones instead of Turner. Clarence we regret the omission and are glad to make the correction. And after all not much harm is done for your fine merchandising establishment gets a plug for free, and everyone who knows the business knows that you are a very vital part especially when it comes time to send out statements. Also we think it might not be amiss to mention, in the office department, their attractive and efficient assistant bookkeeper, although not a partner, Miss Narcie Williams. She is always an attractive presence with her winning smile.

Faison Loans Warsaw A Fire Truck

Warsaw has accepted the loan of a fire truck from Faison and Mayor

Carbon Monoxide Gas Kills Two In Albertson As They Sleep; Motor Running

Mass Meeting Called To Decide Fate Of "Duplin Story" For 1950

President Gilbert E. Alphin, of the Duplin County Historical Association, has announced a call for a county-wide mass meeting to be held in the courthouse here Saturday night, January 14th at 7:30. At this time the question of repeating "The Duplin Story" in 1950 will be discussed and possibly decided.

In recent weeks the Times has received a number of communications from outside as well as within the county asking if the pageant was going to be given again. From where we sit we believe that the people of the county overwhelmingly are in favor of repeating the play. Of course the bi-centennial angle is over with. There won't be the celebration side but the overwhelming success of the play last year has brought about an almost demand repeat performance.

There are many things to be discussed, among them a

goal to work for. In other words, what will be done with the profits if any, and certainly, as someone said, if we could show a profit last year we can reasonably expect to show an even greater profit this year. Last year we were selling something, we didn't know what! None of us knew what we had until the first showing of "The Duplin Story". This year the play will sell itself, it's mostly a matter of letting the public know when it is to be held. Many predict that Duplin County will steal the show from Manteo and "The Lost Colony" in 1950.

Everyone come prepared to express their opinion and give their suggestions. Last but not least, Sam Byrd will be here and maybe Corwin Rife. Mr. Byrd was in Kenansville on Saturday and he is all for having the pageant again in 1950. If Sam's willin' why shouldn't we be?

Herman Waters and Jesse Outlaw Found Dead in Car Early Sunday.

Herman Waters, 30, and Jesse Outlaw, 40, were found dead in a stalled auto on the Guy-Sanderson Road of Albertson Township at sunrise Sunday morning. The motor was still running when the bodies were found. Coroner C. B. Sitterton said that both men were seated in the front seat of the car and both apparently had died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Some liquor was found in the stalled vehicle, which had run into some deep sand, the coroner added. He said that the liquor will be analyzed before a formal inquest is held into the deaths.

The coroner said that Eugene Herring reported he was riding with Waters and Outlaw, brothers-in-law, when the car stalled about 1 a.m. Herring said he had left the car when it stalled, and walked to his home nearby. He did not return. Waters operated a grading machine for the State Highway Commission, the coroner said.

Joint funeral services for the two men were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Outlaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Outlaw, Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, conducted by the Rev. S. A. Smith, Free Will Baptist minister of Beaulieu. Intment of Galaw was in the Whitfield family cemetery, six miles from home, while Waters was buried in Daley's Chapel cemetery near Seven Springs.

Surviving Outlaw are his parents; four brothers, Marable, of Rocky Mount, Clifton, Cecil and Irwin, all of the home; six sisters, Mrs. Bland Whitfield and Mrs. Frank Grady, of near Mt. Olive, Mrs. Herman Waters, wife of the other victim, of near Pink Hill, Mrs. Earl Banks, Kenansville, Mrs. Earl Herring of Newport News, Va. and Miss Adell Outlaw, of the home.

He was a veteran of World War II, spending four years in the army, three and a half of which were in the European theater.

Surviving Waters are his wife, the former Rosa Lee Outlaw, sister of Jesse Outlaw; on son, Jimmy; two daughters, Linda Carol and Ella Dean all of the home; his step mother, Mrs. Dora Waters, Rt. 1, Seven Springs; three brothers, Edward, Mt. Olive, Henry, Pink Hill, and Fred of New York City; one sister, Mrs. Grace Morrison, New York City.

He was a member of the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for the past several years.

Negro Minstrel

The Beaulieu Civic Club will give its Negro Minstrel again tonight at the school auditorium. It went over so well last month that popular demand caused them to repeat it. There will be some change and it is said to be much improved. Also they are considering giving it in some other Duplin communities in the near future.

Warsaw Rotary Club To Celebrate Its Silver Anniversary Jan. 13

The Warsaw Rotary Club will celebrate its Silver Anniversary at a banquet to be held in Goldsboro on January 13 at the Hotel Goldsboro.

Around 150 Rotarians and Rotary Anns from 38 other clubs in District 279 are expected to attend the celebration.

Dr. C. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald, will be principal speaker and will deliver an address entitled, "Looking Over A Four-Leaf Clover."

Dr. Green is an outstanding Rotarian, journalist, author, educator and pastor and has been editor of the Durham Morning Herald for the past 5 years, going there from the presidency of Coker College in Hartsville, S. C.

He has been pastor of the Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham, and Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond. He has been president of the Rotary Clubs of Durham, Richmond and Hartsville and governor of the 190th District of Rotary International and one year as a member of the International Committee on postwar planning. He is a member of the board of Conservation and Development for the State of North Carolina and is executive vice-president of the Medical Foundation of North Carolina.

The following are the now living charter members of the Warsaw organization who will be special guests for the occasion: Dr. A. B. Bland, I. P. Davis, H. D. Farris, J. S. Flemming, W. E. Hines, R. D. Johnson, J. M. Peirce, J. K. Powell and E. J. Bowden.

District governor H. A. Marks, of Wilmington and several of the past district governors of Rotary International will be guests for the occasion.

President E. C. Thompson will

Dr. G. S. Best sent a thank-you note to the Mayor of Wallace who also offered to loan one after the Warsaw truck was destroyed Saturday in a wreck.

The loan of the fire fighting equipment was accepted shortly after the fire truck wreck Saturday.

In accepting the loan of a fire truck until the town can get one Mayor Best also thanked the town officials and other municipal heads of Wallace and Faison for their efforts of assistance. Mayor Best stated he also wanted to specially thank the fire departments in Clinton and Mt. Olive for their offers of assistance and cooperation.

Jesse Garner, third in line for promotion will man the fire truck until John Anderson Johnson, assistant fire chief, is able to take over the duties.



DR. C. SYLVESTER GREEN

preside. Dr. Alton W. Greenlaw, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church, will render the invocation. Donald Britt of the Clinton Rotary Club will be Toastmaster.

Bill Sheffield, vice-president of the Warsaw Club, will give the welcome address and Rivers D. Johnson will respond.

Music will be furnished by Mrs. Robert F. Wenz, vocalist and Robert F. Wenz of Clinton, former pianist in Paul Whiteman's orchestra will be at the piano. Norman Cordon of the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, will sing several numbers. He is now on the faculty of the School of Music at the University of North Carolina.

Clinton Rotarians sponsored the Warsaw Rotary Club in 1925 and will have a strong delegation present.

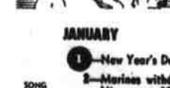
Dr. E. P. Ewert, program chairman, is in charge of all banquet arrangements.

Fifteen More Have Tonsils Removed Here

Dr. O. L. Parker of Clinton held his weekly tonsil clinic in the local health office building Wednesday. Fifteen children were operated on. They are all reported to be doing fine. Those undergoing the operation were:

Ernestine Jones, Delwood Cavenaugh, Libby Kenan, Patricia Manning, Hilden Davis, Betty Johnson, Phillip McClung, Shirley Knowles, Sue Knowles, Nora Bradham, Mary L. Bradham, May Ann Wood, Jimmy Halse, Allen Brown, and Rose Whitman.

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SONG OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

- 1—New Year's Day.
- 2—Morris withdrew from Nicaragua, 1933.
- 3—Roosevelt, Churchill announced united command in Pacific, 1942.
- 4—U.S. admitted to U.N., 1945.
- 5—Richmond, Va. surrendered by British, 1811.
- 6—Birthday of Charles Sumner, Jan. 9, 1811.
- 7—Millard Fillmore born, 1800.