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## Rivers D. Johnson Announces For State Senate; Veteran Politician



By: J. R. GRADY

Senator Rivers D. Johnson of Warsaw this week announces in the Times his candidacy for the office of State Senate to represent the 9th Senatorial district composed of Duplin, Sampson, Pender and New Hanover counties. By agreement Duplin has a senator every other time. Senator Johnson was the last to represent Duplin. He was elected four years ago. Two years ago Sampson had the senator and named Henry Vann of Clinton. His entry brings three in the race in Duplin. Editor J. R. Grady was first to announce and Representative Louis Outlaw was second.

Senator Johnson is a veteran legislator and politician of Duplin. He has represented the county in the House or Senate off and on for the past 32 years. He has been honored in both bodies by being named on highly important committees and served as chairman of many. At one time he was named President Pro-Tem of the Senate, the highest honor that body can bestow on one of its members.

During his long life in the law profession in Duplin and throughout Eastern Carolina he has climbed the pinnacle of success to the point that he is generally recognized as one of the outstanding criminal lawyers in Eastern Carolina. His silver throated voice at the bar, before the 12 man (or woman) jury, is generally accepted to be one of the best to be found anywhere. Not only is he a speaker before the bar but in days past has been in great demand as a political speaker when hotly contested campaigns were being waged throughout the state and nation. He has been a fighter for the great Democratic Party since the days of young manhood.

In his early life he was a member of the Episcopal church but in later years joined the Baptist church in Warsaw and has been teacher of the men's Bible class for many years.

Mr. Johnson is an astute student of government and parliamentary law. As a lawmaker he has been recognized for the past 32 years, as one of the best in the state.

It is generally conceded that he is an ardent foe of Governor Scott, politically, and he has stated that his interest in returning to the Senate is to help hold down the cost of government throughout the rest of the Kerr Scott administration. He feels that the future welfare of North Carolina demands that the Scott administration be curbed.

With his time aging and beginning to run out he wants to give what's left of him to what he believes is the future destiny of North Carolina.

History will record Rivers D. Johnson as one of Duplin's great politicians.

## News Briefs

### WARSAW FIRE

Last week fire did considerable smoke and water damage to the home of Milford Quinn in Warsaw. The fire broke out in a clothes chest. Origin unknown. Quick work on the part of the Warsaw Fire Department saved the building and furniture but Mr. and Mrs. Quinn lost practically all their clothes. No one was home at the time. A neighbor, Mrs. Lawton Albertson discovered smoke coming from the house and gave the alarm.

### EASTER SEAL DRIVE

The Annual Easter Seal Drive for Duplin is under way. Money derived from this drive will go to aid crippled children. County seal sales chairmen named so far are: Kenansville, Miss Lula Hinson and Mrs. Margaret Tucker; Faison and Calypso, Miss Una Brogden; Magnolia, Mrs. Rosa Pope and Sam Pope; Rose Hill, Dennis Ramsey; Charity, Mrs. Leland Teachey; Wallace, Dr. H. W. Colwell; Outlaws Bridge, Rev. Mr. Prater; Miss Annie Mae Kenion, Negro School Supervisor, will head the drive among the Negroes.

### IN WASHINGTON

Aubrey L. Cavanaugh was in Washington City last week meeting with the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. While in Washington he stayed at the Hotel Hamilton and on Thursday night visited Congressman Graham A. Barden. Also in the Capitol attending the meeting was Jimmy Butler and Dr. David Rose of Goldsboro.

### DR. SPILMAN DIES

Dr. B. W. Spilman, retired prominent pastor and church worker of international note, died in Kinston last week at the age of 79. Last rites were held on Tuesday and interment was in the Kinston Cemetery.

### VISITS WASHINGTON, N. Y. C.

Editor Bob Grady visited the Nation's Capitol and largest city last week. He joined the seniors of Kenansville and Rose Hill in Washington Thursday morning for a tour of government buildings and other interesting spots. He also was with them Friday morning. A write-up of the tour together with pictures will appear in next week's Times. While away he visited Baltimore on business and New York City. While in New York he was guest of the Majestic Theatre on Friday night at the show "South Pacific". This was arranged thru the courtesy of Louis Calt of the New York Times. Incidentally while in the N. Y. Times dramatic department office he was questioned about The Duplin Story. The Times gave us a good write-up last year and say they want some advance material for publication as soon as it is ready on the 1950 production.

### VISITS UNCLE

Ye Editor visited an uncle of his in Wayne County Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Daniel Johnson. Mr. Johnson is not exactly a recluse but lives alone in a six room house on a farm. He is 84 years old and has enjoyed good health all his life. A little over 4 years ago his wife, the former Linda Carr of Duplin County, near Rose Hill, died. His relatives and neighbors since have been worried over his living alone. He gets up at the burst of dawn, prepares breakfast, attends to the chickens and cats "Aunt Linda" left, cleans up the house and then prepares dinner. In the afternoon he reads the Times and the Bible.

## Duplin County Cancer Drive Gets Under Way Tomorrow; Asked To Raise \$1500



L. P. WELLS

Preston Wells, as he is better known, has served the Wolfscrape-Glendon-Albertson-Smith Township commissioner district for the past several years. Mr. Wells is seeking reelection to the post this time. He is a leading farmer in his section and owns considerable business interests in Mt. Olive. Mr. Wells is a director of the Kenansville Production Credit Association and has been a large stockholder and leader in its work and organization since its founding. He is a resident of Wolfscrape township.

## Albertson P. O. Opens Tomorrow

Duplin's newest Post Office, to be known as Albertson, will open tomorrow with appropriate dedicatory exercises. Congress Graham Barden, Judge Henry Grady and others are scheduled to be present and talk. The new post office will be housed in a new building completed this week adjacent to Holt's Store in Albertson Township. It will serve a wide area of Duplin being served in the past mostly from Seven Springs, Rt. 1. A new rural route will be instigated from the post office on April 15th. Wm. Sutton of Rt. 1, Deep Run will be the carrier. All subscribers in the area are asked to advise the Times immediately via post card if their address is to be changed to Albertson, general delivery, or to Albertson, Rt. 1. The sooner we receive this information the easier it will be to get your names and addresses corrected and the less inconvenience it will cause your present post master. Newspapers are not supposed to be forwarded so don't depend on the post office to do so or to notify us of your change. Please Cooperate.

## Cancer Clinic

On Thursday, March 23, the Lenoir County Cancer Clinic held its weekly clinic. 44 persons appeared for examination, 28 white women, 6 white men, and 10 colored women. Twenty five patients were referred to their physicians for medical attention. Persons attending came from Mt. Olive, Snow Hill, Beulaville, Magnolia, Chinquapin, Jacksonville, Warsaw, Kenansville, and Deep Run. Examinations are free to all of 35 or over and to anyone with cancer symptoms.

tending to the radio. Along towards night he repeats the daily household chores. Never a day passes that he is without company. Though he is very well read and can discuss local, state, national and world problems in the language of any one. He said to me, "I don't have an enemy in the world, not even Joseph Stalin. People need not worry about Stalin and the communists destroying us. When we are destroyed we will destroy ourselves." Our worst enemy, he opines, is our own self. He quoted from the Bible at length and pointed to our possible destruction. Mr. Johnson is not a pessimist, he is definitely a wayside philosopher that stays at home and sees the world through the press, the radio and the Bible.

The 1950 Cancer Crusade of the American Society gets under way tomorrow, April 1st. The drive is nationally known for the purpose of raising money to carry on research, promote prevention and aid cures of cancer. Cancer research is the main hope of 22 million Americans who may be claimed as victims of this dread disease if present rates continue. And you, reader, may already be a victim. Cancer is treacherous, it lurks in the dark. Too often you don't know you have it until it is too late. Cancer has become a menace as great as ever was the White Plague, Tuberculosis and through years of study, research and preventive methods tuberculosis is being gotten under control and through a similar process cancer can be gotten under control. In Duplin County alone last year 24 people died from cancer.

Now a cancer clinic is available to all in Duplin. One is operated each week in Wilmington and one in Kinston. Examinations are free to all who go there.

The drive in Duplin beginning tomorrow has a three-fold purpose: to educate more people about cancer and to raise funds to carry on the fight. Our county has been given a quota of \$1500. Small considering many counties. Harry Kramer, Wallace business man has accepted the job to head the drive and Miss Martha Pickett of Kenansville is County Commander.

Chairmen have been named for the various communities throughout the county and they met at the home of Miss Pickett Wednesday night to map out the drive. Mr. Kramer is anxious that Duplin complete its drive as quickly as possible. It is hoped that every home in the county, white and colored will be canvassed. If they do not make a contribution they will want to receive some of the material available.

Community chairmen named are as follows: Faison, H. R. Cates and L. D. Groome; Warsaw, Geo. D. Bennett and the B&PWC. Mrs. Cleo Hobbs, president; Rose Hill, H. E. Latham and the Woman's Club. Mrs. L. W. Williams, president; Kenansville, Gilbert Alphin and the Woman's Club. Mrs. Perry Dobson, president; Magnolia, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pope; Beulaville, Mrs. Gardner Edwards and Mrs. Mattie Bradshaw; Charity, Mrs. Leland Teachey; Calypso, Woman's Club. Mrs. W. H. Hurdle, president; B. F. Grady, Hugh Wells; Chinquapin, Mrs. Frank James; Wallace, Sorosis Club, Mrs. Cecil Wallace and Mrs. D. J. Wells; Millertown, Mrs. Ashe Miller; Teachey, Mrs. Edgar Wells. Annie Mae Kenion, Negro Supervisor, will lead the Negro drive.

Do you know some of the symptoms of cancer? Here are seven to take note of: 1. Any sore that does not heal. 2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere. 3. Unusual bleeding or discharge. 4. Any change in a wart or mole. 5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing. 6. Persistent hoarseness or cough. 7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

## M. J. Carlton Prominent Farmer Dies At Home

Matthew J. (Jamie) Carlton, 80, died at his home near Warsaw Sunday at noon after several months of declining health. Funeral services were held from the home Monday at 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. A. W. Greenlaw, pastor of the Johnston Baptist Church, of which he was a lifelong member, assisted by Rev. G. Van Stephens of Angier. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ada Elmore of Magnolia; two daughters, Mrs. Bernice West, Thomsville, Mrs. D. R. Barringer, Burlington; three sons Eugene of Warsaw, Elmore of Raleigh and Wilbur of Charlottesville, Va.; and 7 grandchildren.

Killed Mar. 21 thru 23 5  
Injured same dates 87  
Killed through March 23, 1950, 190  
Killed through March 23, 1949, 170



LEROY G. SIMMONS

of Albertson Township, prominent farmer, who is a candidate for County Commissioner representing the district composed of Smith, Albertson, Glendon and Wolfscrape Townships. Mr. Simmons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simmons. He is a graduate of B. F. Grady High School and attended State College. He is a leading farmer in his community and has given unstintingly of his time towards improving farming conditions in Duplin. He has served on the County Farm Security Board for three years, being chairman one year. He is opposing L. P. Wells, incumbent.

## Political Round Up

Since last week's paper politics have been somewhat quieter in the county.

SENATE: Senator Rivers Johnson has handed in his announcement to the Times bringing a total of three in the Senate race. Johnson, Louis Outlaw and J. R. Grady. COMMISSIONERS: Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville announces for reelection as County Commissioner and so far is without opposition. Albert Hall of Wallace still remains without opposition. Preston Wells and LeRoy Simmons are still alone in the district composed of Smith, Albertson, Glendon and Wolfscrape. A. P. Cates has free reign in Warsaw-Faison, Dallas Jones, incumbent from Magnolia tosses his hat in for reelection and is opposed by Bill Fussell of Rose Hill.

SHERIFF: The sheriff's race has not changed. Only four are fighting to date, incumbent Ralph Jones, Gurman Powell, Buck Bradshaw and Carl Britt.

SOLICITOR: Grady Mercer seems to hold the field alone. CORONER: C. B. "Pap" Sitterson is the only one announced so far. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES: Robert Carr and J. A. Powers are still alone in the race.

BOARD EDUCATION: This office is now held by Addis Cates of Faison. Mr. Cates is seeking election to Board of Commissioners. The first to file to replace him on the Education Board is Jerry O. Smith of Smith Township. Smith has been active in school affairs for the past 15 years and is now a member of the B. F. Grady school board.

JUDGE: Former Judge Hubert E. Phillips has the field to himself. Incumbent Judge Robert L. West announces that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. The grapevine has it that he will manage Willis Smith's campaign for the United States Senate against Frank Graham and Bob Reynolds. OTHERS: There are many rumors and reports that others are running or will run for various offices but the Times, as stated last week, will not recognize a candidate until he or she has formally announced in our paper. So the above about sums it up at this writing. This column confines itself to county races.

## OLD MAIDS AND DINNER

There is to be a dinner, followed by a play "The Old Maids Return", at the Outlaw's Bridge School on Saturday night, April 1, 1950. Come and enjoy the fun.



CORNER STONE LAYING of the new Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill will be celebrated on Sunday morning, April 2nd. A former pastor, Rev. S. G. Harness, will return to preach the sermon. Above is an artist's sketch of the new edifice.

## Region 3, B. T. U. Meets With Rose Hill Church This Week End

## CENSUS NEWS

### PROPORTION OF POPULATION NATIVE HIGHEST IN 100 YEARS

The last U. S. population census, in 1940, revealed that of each 1,000 inhabitants of the country, 912 were native and 88 were foreign born. In 1930, when the number of foreign born in the nation's population was at its highest, the division was 884 natives and 116 of foreign birth in each 1,000 persons. In 1850, the ratio was 888 natives to 112 foreign born per 1,000, exclusive of Indians not counted and Negro slaves, for whom place of birth information was not recorded in the census.

The 17th Decennial Census to be taken in April, 1950, will continue the statistical history of the nativity of the country's inhabitants. Inquiries included in the census will bear on the country of birth of individuals and of their parents. This will enable the United States Bureau of Census to sort out the number of natives in each of three classes of foreign parentage, namely those with both parents foreign born, those with a foreign-born father and native mother, and those with a native-born father and foreign-born mother.

Despite the imposition of immigration quotas after 1920, the foreign-born population of the United States reached a peak in 1930 of 14,204,149. This was an increase of a little over a quarter of a million from the 1920 total of 13,920,692. In 1940, the total of foreign born in the U. S. population was 11,594,896. A further decline is anticipated when the 1950 census totals have been computed.

## Wallace Boy Wins Scholarship Award In Church Contest

Atlanta, Mar. 18.—A Wallace, N. C., youth, William Boyd Wood, Jr., was named among the top winners in the 1949-50 scholarship contest sponsored by the committee on Christian education of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Boyd was named winner of a cash award of \$400, fourth highest granted.

Nancy McLaurine Lee, Danville, Ky., was winner of first prize of \$2,000.

The Rev. W. H. Boogs, executive secretary of the Presbyterian assembly's board of annuities and relief, said 229 boys and girls participated in the contest.

## Duplin Choir Meets Tonight

The Duplin Choir will meet on Friday evening, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kenansville School Auditorium. We are cordially inviting all communities who have not joined to please meet with us and join at this meeting.

Hubert L. Marshburn, machinist's mate, 3/c, USN, of Rt. 2, Rose Hill, visited Augusta, Sicily, Naples, Italy and the Island of Cyprus during February while serving aboard the USS Waccamaw.

The Baptist Training Union Regional Convention for Region 3 will meet with the First Baptist Church in Rose Hill March 31-April 1. The theme will be "In Christ Is God's Everlasting Yes". Region 3 is composed of Bladen, Brunswick, Burnt Swamp, Columbus, Dock, Eastern, New South River, Robeson, and Wilmington Associations.

First session begins Friday at 3 p.m. Charles Hales of Warsaw will lead the worship period. Rev. G. C. Moore, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington, will conduct the Adult Scripture Reading Tournament. The topic for the department conference will be "How To Revitalize Our Training Union", and Miss Mary Gay of Raleigh will hold conference for Church Librarians. A quartet of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, will sing.

Dr. Charles Leonard of Burgaw will lead the worship period for Friday evening at 7 o'clock. This will be observed at "Youth Night". Mrs. E. J. Morgan of Clinton will conduct the Intermediate Sword Drill, and Miss Margaret Parks of Wilmington will lead the Young People's Speakers Tournament. H. T. Gibson, State Training Union Secretary, will tell of "A Day At Our State Assemblies". Special music will be presented by the Youth Choir of the Host Church and the First Baptist of Wilmington. Evening message, "Adventuring With Christ", will be by Rev. Julian Motley, Campbell College student and pastor in the New South River Association. He will also lead the Dedication Service.

Saturday's session begins at 9:30 a.m. Miss Julia Armstrong will lead the worship period. Mrs. J. V. Case, Rose Hill, will conduct the Junior Memory Work Tournament and H. T. Gibson will speak on "Pushing Back the Frontiers". Following business Mrs. Julian Motley will sing. The keynote address will be delivered by Rev. W. J. Stephenson, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Wilmington. The Hymn Festival, conducted by Rev. O. A. Anderson of Rowland, will follow. After installation of officers the Festival Choir will be combined to sing festival hymns. Winners of tournaments will be announced at 12:10 after which the convention will adjourn.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Those who wish to spend the night in Rose Hill will be provided places to stay.

## COMEDIES FROM EVERY DAY LIFE

By: Mrs. Howard Joiner  
An elderly friend, a person of great pride, had unexpected company last Sunday morning. After their departure, she hurriedly finished her tasks and proceeded on her way to church. Arriving late, she was ushered down to the front. As she walked down the aisle, she was greatly embarrassed when the whole crowd seemed to commence snickering and giggling. To herself she said, "course I know I'm not very finely dressed but after all that's nothing to laugh your heads off." As she sat down and proceeded to smooth out her dress, to her great astonishment, she gazed down at the folds of her red and white apron she had forgotten to remove.

## FLASH!

As we go to press: Albert Outlaw of Wolfscrape Township comes in with his announcement for sheriff. This brings the number for sheriff to five. See Outlaw's ad on back page. A write-up of him will appear next week.

## SQUARE DANCE

There will be a square dance at the Pink Hill High School Gym. each Saturday night from 8:30 till 12:00 o'clock. Music will be by The Don King Four. Dance is sponsored by the V. F. W.

Entered June 23, 1950, 1,332  
Entered June 23, 1949, 1,174