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Flood Disaster Insurance Program Go Into Operation Soon, Says Barden

(Special to the Times)—From the office of Congressman Graham A. Barden.

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Much of the maze of uncertainty shrouding the new federal flood disaster insurance program was cleared away at a recent meeting held in Washington between North Carolina Members of Congress and Frank J. Meistrell, who will administer the program under the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Interest of the Tar. Heel legislators in the program was evidenced by the fact that 11 of the 12 House members attended the meeting, at which, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Charles Gold was also present, Senators Sam J. Er-vin and W. Kerr Scott and Representatives Carl T. Durham were tied up in committee hearings, but were represented at the flood insurance meeting by their administrative aides.

Most of the questions propound-ed by the Congressmen came from Representatives Herbert C. Bonner, Graham A, Barden and Alton A. Lennon, whose districts along the eastern shore have suffered repeated, severe hurricane onslaughts in recent years, causing widespread property damage as a result of acpanying high tides and torrential wind-driven rains.

In response to a question from Bonner, Meistrell assured the group that the program will be ready to go into operation 'by late spring of early summer.' He said he expects to have policies ready for signature within 30 days after Congress approves funds to cover administrative costs. The agency is asking for \$100,000,000 for this purpose, Meistrell stated.

The director said the rate struct ure for policies has not yet been perfected, but that his office, in consultation with private insurance consultation with private insurance companies, has attempted to eval-nate exposure with respect to the type, of buildings as well as loca-tion. 'Piers, wharves and amuse-ment places right on the beach would carry a higher rate,' he said. Barden and Lennon urged that a 'uniform rate' be adopted initially

in order to get the program underway as soon as possible. "I don't think we should wait for a perfect set-up," insisted Barden.

The insurance program should be put into opreation as soon as pos-

Lennon maintained that to work He was a member of the Presby

Prominent Warsaw Citizen Dies

FRANK THOMAS

Frank Thomas, age 60, prominent Warsaw citizen died in the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville last night about \$:00 o'clock. He has been seriously ill with a kidney ailment for the past six months. Luring this time he has been a patient in Watts Hospital in Durham and the Goldsboro Hospital. Funeral- services will be held

Warsaw Presbyterian from the Church by his pastor, Rev. Norman Flowers, assisted by Rev. Herbert Baker of the Warsaw Baptist Church, Faiday afternoos at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in Pine-crest cemetery in Warsaw, Masonic rites will be held at the grave.

He is survived by his widow, the former Annam Lee Best; one son, Franklin Thomas, Jr. of Gastonia; one daughter, Mrs. L. M. Lan-caster of Rocky Mount; one halfsister, Mrs. Minnie Williamson of Winston Salem: one brother Mark H. Thomas of Raleigh and two grandchildren.

Frank Thomas Little Gloria Edwards of Mag-

nolia, caughter of Mrs. Norman Edwards is in the local hospital with broken left arm. She was returning home from school there and fell on the railroad track, Little Gloria is seven years old. NEW ARRIVALS AT HOSPITAL Baby boy Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Page of Petersburg,

Briefs

BREAKS ARM

Va. and Chinquapin, Born March Baby girl Southerland (colored) aughter of Matthews Southerland f Magnolia, Born March 8. Why are our obstetric cases going to other hospitals. Duplin General

s as cheap as any. The baby and nother have expert care. There is always an emergency bed waiting. Operative and sick patients are coming more and more to the Du-plin General. In fact, February is he best month the hospital has had, Not the first patient yet is to leave the hospital dissatisfied. In fact most who have been to other hospitals comment that they get better service and better food here than at other hospitals. Duplin General is nearer to Duplin families

than any other hospital. You fathers of expectant mothers are helping pay for this hospital, why not patronize it? Tell your doctor you prefer the Duplin General. If you have not been in it you have a real treat coming. Pay the hospital a visit and ask to be shown over it. Ask any patient who has been there.

DETAINER SENT

Freeman Miller, Jr., Negro, now ulling time on the roads, will be tried for giving worthless checks as soon as his time runs out. A de-tainer has been issued for him by Justice of the Peace C. C. Hester.

INJURED IN FIGHT

It has been reported that Roose velt Miller (Negro) was in a fight Saturday night and suffered multiple contussions and lacerations of the lip and face. He was treated in the local hospital. It is reported a large crowd was together near Kenansville and no one seems to know who hit Miller. No arrests have

been made.



The students of Mount Olive Junior College dedicated the 1957 edition of their yearbook, Olive Leaves, to the Reverend J. C. Moye, Sr., Snow Hill, North Carolina, in recognition of his deep interest in the College. The Reverend Mr. Moye recently made the largest gift in the history of the College in the form of a trust fund for the library. Due to illness Mr. Moye was unable to attend the dedication service at the College, but Miss Hilda Boykin of Wilson, editor of the yearbook, made the presentation to Mr. Moye in his home. Looking on are Mrs. Moye and W. Burkette Raper, president of the College

Asheboro, Ramseur, Hot Springs Win Top 'Finer Carolina' Award

Asheboro, Ramseur, Hot Springs Asheboro, Ramseur, and Hot Springs have been named first. Ts and honorable mention awards place winners in the 1956 'Finer in the contest.

Winning second place prizes of 500 in the 1956 contest are Har-Carolina' contest sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company Spruce Pine and Roxboro. Ils. Scrapbooks submitted to the jud Third place winners, receiving \$250 ges reflect a gratifying urge for each, are Norlina, Wallace and Sanford First place winners in the new

civic improvements,' commented Louis V. Sutton, president of Ca-rolina Power and Light Company. special project class are Swann-noa, its neighboring community of 'Because we feel that our contes has played some part in stimulating Black Mountain, and Clinton, They this competitive spirit for local betterment, we are now sponsoring will receive \$250 each. Second place project winners are Farmer, Rowthe 'Finer Carolina' contest for the land and Wadesboro, Two South

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Without Reaching The Jury; Notice **Of Appeal To Supreme Court Given**

Methodist Revival Wallace, March 17

Counties: \$4.00 outside this area in N. C.: \$5.00 outside N. C

The Spring Revival services at the Wallace Methodist Church will begin on Sunday night, March 17 at 8:00 p.m.

The Reverend Arthur L. Thompson, the pastor of the Long Memor-ial Methodist Church in Roxboro. will be the visiting preacher. Mr. Thompson was reared on a farm in Moore County. He finished high school in Moore County and then attended college at Duke Univer sity received his degree from Duke 1929. His pastorates have been the Louisburg Circuit the Faison charge, Ahoskie, Fairmont in Raleigh, and Grace Methodist in Wil-mington. He left Grace last July to take up his new work in the Long Memorial Methodist Church in Rox-

The Thompsons have four child ren. The oldest boy is studying for the Methodist ministry at Duke University and the oldest girl is in the Duke University School of Sursing. The two younger ones are at home

Mr. Thompson has been an out-tanding member of the N. C. Con-ference of the Methodist Church families, and the general public are For eight years he served as chair-man of the Conference Board of vival services. cordially invited to attend these re-

Beulaville National Grantham Takes Class A Tourney Guardsmen Visit In State Finals **Duplin Schools** Grantham High basketball team

On February 14, 1957 the 150th Wayne County champions, defeated AAA Battalion Adjutant, Capt, Carl Swansboro, Onslow County cham-pions in the finals here last Friday W. Walker and the 252d AAA Group Acjutant, Major Henry V. Reid night of the Class A, District 2, eli-mination contests Grantham will and the Administrative Maintenance and Supply Technician, SFC LeRoy J. Kennedy of Battery B olay Mebane tonight in the Durham High gym in the state finals for the 150th AAA Bn (90-MM Gun) NClass A championship, Eight teams NG, Beulaville, visited Beulaville High School, Pink Hill High School, Chinquapin High School and B. F. will participate in the finals The Class A tournament was attended here this year. In fact Trady High School, speaking to the noney taken in at the door, about Junior and Senior boys who are \$1600 represented more than twice the attendance at any of these normaly between the ages of 17-

18 1-2 years of age explaining the ounaments in the past. Reserve Forces Act of 1955 and the effect it had on all physically able Little Jennie Lee young men between these ages, and man

Judge Donald Phillips granted a motion of non-suit in the case of Dora Betty Bell vs LeRoy Stamons, Attorney's for the plaintiff immediately gave notice of appeal to the supreme court and were given 90 days in which to write their statement to the defense on the appeal. The defense was given thirty days thereafter to file counter claims or exceptions. The judgment ordered that the plaintiff pay all court costs in connection with the case.

> The case of Mrs. Dora Betty Bell vs LeRoy Simmons opened here Monday morning with convening of civil superior court with Judge Phillips of Rockingham presiding in the place of Judge Morris of Currituck who is ill.

Mrs. Bell is suing Duplin Coun-ty Farm Bureau President, Leroy Simmons for \$50,000 as damages for Hospitals and Homes, He is now allegedly slandering her by state-serving as the secretary of the ments altributed to him in connect ments attributed to him in connec-

> Monday was taken up with securing a jury and Tuesday with Mrs. Bell testifying and at-torney for the plaintiff Albion Dunn of Greenville reading a deposition from the defendant Le-Roy Simmons, Aiding Mr. Dunn in the prosecution of the case are attorneys Hubert Phillips and Norwood Boney. Defense attorneys are Jessie Jones of Kinston, Rivers Johnson, Jr., of Warsaw and Tom Griffin of Kinston,

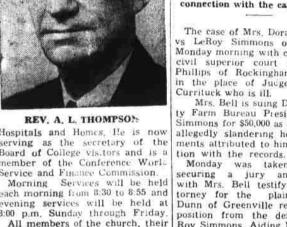
Wednesday's evidence in the trial continued with the plaintiff calling several witnesses to the stand to testify in the behalf of Mrs. Bell.

Late Tuesday, with Mrs. Bell on the stand, she denied that she had told Simmons, president of the Duplin Farm Bureau, that any of the records were missing.

She said Wetnesday that the re-cords were placed in the basement of the Agriculture Building. There is where they were at the time the alleged statement by Mrs. Bell which indicated the Farm Bureau records were missing .

According to testimony received from Jack Brinson, he went with Mrs. Bell into the basement of the Agriculture Building and located the alleged missing records.

Mrs. Bell said that after the records were found, they were placed in the trunk of the car and that she carried them home with her. They remained at her home until after from L ospital, At II



REV. A. L. THOMPSON

out a rate pattern all over the country would 'delay the program about a year.' He expressed disappointment that the insurance is not available this spring. As a result of severe hurricane damage in recent years, he said, people in this dis-trict who would like to build along the coast are finding it difficult to obtain conventional insurance from private companies and 'can't borrow a cent from lending agencies Barden expressed grave concern bout the zoning provision of the Congressional Act authorizing the insurance program. In order for its citizens to participate in the program, all states are required to adopt zoning regulations. Barden said the zoning responsibility should be left entirely in the hands of the

state and local communities. "The federal government should not project itself into the zoning business,' the Congressman assert 'Zoning is a problem peculiar to local communities and states and I think they should be given authority to develop their own zoning regulations.' Meistrell agreed that the entire zon-

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EDITORIA

GIRL SCOUTING — A Family Affair

Most parents are concerned about what and how **Basket Ball** much their children learn in school. If Jane or Johnny can't read as well as the youngsters next door, Mother and Dad want to know the reason.

And they worry, too, about what their children do after school-what their friends are like-how they use their free time.

The Girl Scout organization, this week observing its 45th anniversary, offers reassurance and tangible help to worried parents. In Scouting, more than two million girls from 7 to 17 are learning in their free time to take care of a home, to be healthy, to get along with people, to be good sports, and most important, to be good citizens.

Lumped together, Girl Scout activities add up to character building. It's character building in terms that Tom Sawyer would have understood and enjoyed-fun and adventure.

Girl Scouting exists here and in other communities because many parents are concerned about what their children do after school hours. Women volunteer to serve as troop leaders. These are the people who trans-late character building and citizenship into the excite-ment and adventure children love.

They are making good citizenship as well as Girl

terian church, Mason, veteran of World War one, magistrate, electrician and former member of the Warsaw Town Board, He was very active in American Legion work having served in every office of the vere heart attack. Chas R. Gavin Post of Warsaw. very popular among Frank was everyone in Warsaw and was well known throughout the county.

Gets 30 Days

Robert Freeman, Wallace Negro, Stanford Monk (colored) and Juwas jailed in Wallace Sunday and lian Sanderson, Kenansville; Rorught to the county jail here bert William Futrell, Wallace; Mrs. Monday. He was tried before Jus-tice C. C. Hester on charges of simple assault, to wit—beating his wife, and given 30 days on the Wilfred Tyson Harrell and Mrs. Naomi Brock, Rose Hill; Mrs. Rosa Banks Jackson, Kinston; H. G. Mer-ritt and William Newkirk (colored), roads. He was immediately carried to the prison camp here. Hes-

Warsaw; Miss Glennie Miller, Jo seph Guy Thomas and Mrs. Golonda ter issued a detainer for him on Thigpen, Beulaville; Mrs. Bettie Stonestreet, Jacksonville; James his release on a charge of assault, Thomas Summerlin, Rt. 1, Kenanshaving hit Liston Boykin with his ville and William Yancey Taylor, fists and threatening to kill him. He will be tried on this charge as Rt. 2, Mt. Olive; Gloria Edwards

soon as he completes the present Magnoia

will

IN DUKE HOSPITAL For Asheboro this is the fourt consecutive win. It is the third 'Fi-Mr. Henry Middleton of near ner Carolina' honor for Ramseur Warsaw, proprietor of Middleton's which was first last year, and sec Nursery, was carried to Duke Hosond the year before. For Hot Springs, a community o pital on an ambulance yesterday

On Tuesday night he suffered a se 800 in Madison County, the first prize is its first. Hot Springs won PATIENTS AT DUPLIN GENERAL by establishing a 13-room medical linic and procuring a practicing Among the patients at the Duplin physician, the community's first in General Hospital Wednesday night were: Mrs. Alice Sloan, Fountaineveral years.

sixth season.

These three towns will receive town; Mrs. Florence Currie, Joe Wallace (Joe probably went home \$1,000 cash prizes each for outstand ing community development and today), Mrs. Doris Wilkerson, Mrs. Luna Cavenaugh Lee, Martha

improvement during the past year. **Revival Set Rose**

Hill Baptists

Rose Hill Baptist Revival ser vices will be held March 18 through 24 with Reverend Shields Webb pastor of Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia, as Dr. H. A. Phillips of Wallace have the guest preacher. The services been named membership co-chairwill be conducted Monday through Sunday evenings at 7:30 o'clock and Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

Two Students Break Legs While Playing tional singing.

ers will welcome the children through three years of age. This will enable the whole family to rolina beef. He urges that cattle

Two Duplin County high school students are patients in the local hospital suffering from broken legs attend together. The guest evan gelist, Mr. Webb, may also be hear over the Morning Devotional broad from playing basketball. J. K. Thomas, Jr., age 17, of Beucast of WLSE at 9:00 o'clock Tues day through Friday of the reviva

laville was brought to the hospital Tuesday with a fractured right leg. week. The church extends an invitatio The leg was injured just above the ankle. In addition to a bone fracto you to attend these services.

ture many of the ligaments were torn loose. He is in the 11th grade **April 15 Closing** J. K. was practicing basketball in the school at lunch time when he slipped and fell while running. He **Date Conservation** had been playing only three weeks. He suffered a break in the same leg

he suffered a break in the same leg at the same spot five months ago while playing football. Billie Branch (colored), age 18, junior in the Kenansville colored high school, suffered a broken left ankle Monday afternoon while playing basket ball in the school row He and two other how were The closing date for signing up for the conservation reserve is Ap ril 15. Some advantages of the con

1. Establish a permanent vegeta tive cover crop for soil protection 2. Treat farmland to permit the gym. He and two other boys were jumping to retrieve the ball when use of legumes and grasses for soil he was hit and knocked down, He improvement.

> 4. Build dams, pits, or ponds to rotect cover crops or to store wa ence has shown that irri-will increase the income acre of tobacco by as much

S Protect wildlife through co

lon, won third place in the projects competition, as did Wrightsville Beach, N. C. They will receive \$100 each. Plaques for honorable mention

will be given 10 towns in the three ville, Wagram, Clio, S. C., Swansin the 1,001-3,000 class; and Hartsville, S. C., and Rockingham in the 3,000 and over class. Prize money totals \$6,750, an

Wallace-Faison

Men Co-Chairmen

Cattlemen's Ass'n

Mr. L. E. Taylor of Faison and

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house at the unit in Beulaville, on ebruary 24, 1957, from 8:00 to 5:00. On hand at the open house, rereshments were served to the visting personnel. After lunch hour, init vehicles were dispatched to population classifications: Mays- | eligible young men for the guard and to bring them in to discuss boro and Aurora in the 1-1,000 their enlistment in the North Ca-class; Burgaw, Pittsboro and Troy forgotten. number contacted by their buddies. a total of eleven men was enlisted

Below are the names of members who enlisted on muster day: J. A in the Duplin General Hospital for Albertson, L. B. Carter, Alton J Dail, Travis Futrelle, Simpson Howard, Lynn Jackson, Jackie R. Norris, William D. Sandlin, Malcolm E. Thigpen, Sidney A. Whaley and Franklin H. Williams. been a mighty patient patient. Dr.

Captain Richard S. Bostic, Battery Commander of the above Unit wishes to express his appreciation to each of the Principals of the high schools contacted for their cobed. She was a little figity and fusoperation in making National sy at first, but she soon adjusted Guard Muster Day a success. herself. Little Jennie is in the first srade in the Faison school, JRG.

Miss Andrews New men in Duplin County for the North This was announced this week by NCEA President chairman, in the current campaign

Miss Rosalie Andrews of Charlotte will take office March 22 as new president of the North Carolina Edication Ass'n.

Miss Andrews, who was unopposed, was elected in mail balloting by the association's 22,000 members Glenn Robertson of Mt. Airy was growers in the county and others elected vice president over Mary join the Association, stating that it Hall of Granville County. Fodie H. Hodges of Chicod and has been set up to promote the interest of livestock producers in the

Edna F. Rogers of Haywood Councattle industry. Membership in the y were named to three year terms on the board of directors

Warsaw Sets Town **Election May 7**

Election to name a new mayor and the car struck some sand in the board of commissioners for Warroad. The car did not overturn. She aw has been set for May 7 by the said she thought it was damaged about \$300. It was a 1953 Mercury, own board.

Filling fees for the offices were she said. The wreck occurred a put at \$5 for mayor and \$2.50 for bout eight miles from Beulaville sioners. Mrs. Stonestreet remarked, but she Candidates may file with Mrs. J. did not know in which direction Harmon town clerk, until April She said they were heading to

Mrs. R. H .Best, Jr., was select ed by the town board to serve as registrar for the election.

Meeting Postponed Registration books will be open from April 20 to April 27. Challenge day will be held April 27. ed its meeting for a date later in Mrs. Harmon said all new resithe month to set up machinery fo dents of the town were urged to qualify for balloting in the election. town elections in the spring. Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong reported to Now serving in the posts are Mayor J. E. Strickland and Com-missioners D. J. Rivenbark, Jr., J. C. Page, W. E. Bartlett, H. F. Lee and Sanford Packer.

day. The board, which usually meet the second Friday each month, March 29, she added. will convene

.... time she brought the records with Says 'Thank You her, to her sister's and brother-inlaw's home, in Kenansville, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Holland. She said the I would like to thank everybody

Little Jeanie Lee

BROKEN LEG

2 Wrecks Reported

It is reported that two wrecks oc-

curred Saturday night and early

Sunday morning near Beulaville

no evidence of the wreck, however

one person is in the local hospital

Mrs. Betty Stonestreet of Jack-sonville was hospitalized with a

possible fractured jaw and severe

laceration of the left eye, bruises

and scratches. She told the Times

she was riding in a car driven by

Anthony Cerere and two other peo

ple were in the car. It has been re

ported that the other two were wo

men but their names were not lear

ned. Mrs. Stonestreet told the Tim

es that she was riding in the front

seat and her head hit the dash as

wards Beulaville.

Faison Town Board

Faison's town board has postpon

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records were at Hollands for about for their kindness during my stay in Duplin General Hospital and esfive or six months." Mrs. Bell said that she learned on pecially the nurses and doctors who January 6, 1956 that she had been succeeded as Secretary of the Farm were so nice, they will never be

Bureau in Duplin County. Mrs. O. S. Thigpen was named as the new

secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Bell said, however, that she Little Jennie has been a patient would not turn over the records two months and became the pet of the hospital. She slipped on ice and pen would agree to sign a statepen would agree to sign a state-ment which she had prepared statfell during the sleet storm in Janing that 'all of the records were uary and broke her leg. She has there.

In the cross examination by At-Gascock of Faison was her doctor torney Jesse Jones, Mrs. Bell was For weeks she lay in bed with both asked if she agreed with Simm feet pulled high and part of the time not much more than her shoulders and head resting on the that all public records should be kept 'above board.

Mrs. Bell replied that she 'thinks all public records should be kept

orderly.' Mrs. Bell was asked, 'What is your interpretation of above board?" replied that it meant to her. 'orderly

She was also asked by Attorney Jones if she knew what was meant by the statement 'I'm going to-chop wood and let the chips fall where they may.' Mrs. Bell's re-Patrolmen report they have found ply was, 'I do not know what it means.

Again Mrs Bell said that she did not tell Simmons that the records were missing. She further testified that she knew where all the records were

According to her testimony, after working hours (after 5 p.m.) on Ocother 13 she and Brinson went into pasement of the building of the agriculture building and found all the records.

After Mrs. Bell's testimony, Dr. W. C. Crumpler, of Mount Olive, was introduced as a witness. He said that on the day of October 16, Mrs. Bell was brought to his office for an examination. In the doctor's opinion Mrs. Bell 'had been under nervous strain all day.' He further added that the nervousness was not physical one

Dr. D. E. Best. of Goldsboro, also testified stating that Mrs. Bell was a patient of his and was admitte to Wayne Memorial Hospital on the night of October 16, 1955. She remained at the hospital until November 7, 1955.

Dr. Best said that Mrs. Bell was having difficulty breathing, a shortness of breath, a severe headsche and other complications. Because of her shortness of breath, she was placed in an oxygen tent. He fur-ther said that she had little 'not any at times) appetite and had to (CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE)

organization was 1300 last year. Goal for 1957 is 2500 which the Association leaders hope will be reached this month. Annual mem ership dues are \$1.00. In stressing the need for a stron state-wide organization of cattle growers, state agricultural leader point out that during the five year period from 1950 to 1955, beef num ers in North Carolina more than doubled. There are now nearly

400,000 head of beef cattle in the state and North Carolina gross in-come from beef cattle in 1955 am-ounted to nearly \$30,000,000. In addition to promoting the con-sumption of locally grown beef, the Cattlemen's Association sponsors the annual Feeder Calf Sales and Fat Cattle Sales in the state. They also hold an annual Cattlemen's

Conference at N. C. State College each December. Farmland under irrigation in North Carolina exceeds, by at least 2,000 acres, the totals for any of its neighboring states,

servation reserve are:

3. Establish trees or shrubs,

