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Postmaster H.F. Lee, center, and officials who participated in the "Citation of Merit" ceremony at the Warsaw Post Office Friday morning. Front left to right are Mrs. S.E. Godwin, Mrs. H.B. McNeill and Mrs. E.C. Thompson,

of Warsaw Garden Clubs. Second row—Mayor E.J. Strickland; R.D. Johnson, Postmaster Lee, Rev. Don J. Skinner, David Henderson and A.D. Waters, Jr. Postal service officer. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Warsaw Post Office Earns Citation

A "Citation of Merit" was presented to Postmaster H.F. Lee at a special ceremony in the Warsaw Post Office lobby on Friday Morning of last week. The award was presented to the Warsaw Post Office for its participation in the President's Natural Beauty Program. Rivers Johnson, Warsaw attorney, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Don J. Skinner, minister, Warsaw Presbyterian Church gave the invocation. Mayor E.J. Strickland extended a warm welcome to the large group who attended. A.D. Waters, Jr. Postal Service Officer, Fayetteville represented the regional postal department and spoke briefly to the group. He quoted Thomas Jefferson as saying beauty is many things to many people, and that people should strive to surround themselves with beauty.

This is just what Postmaster Lee and his personnel, working in connection with the Warsaw Garden Clubs, have succeeded in doing. Especially instrumental in carrying out the planning, planting of shrubbery, trees and ivy were Mrs. S.E. Godwin, Mrs. H.B. McNeill and Mrs. E.C. Thompson. Mr. Waters challenged each citizen of Warsaw and the surrounding area to continue to cooperate with postmaster Lee and his staff in maintaining the building and grounds in an excellent state of repair. He said that the Post Office should always remain one of the outstanding buildings in a community because it represents not only the federal government, but it also represents the town to every one who passes through. In his closing remarks he said

"All citizens should take a great pride in their public buildings and grounds as they do in their homes and yards. This building and grounds belongs to each and everyone of you. You have an obligation to assist postmaster Lee, who has been designated custodian in maintaining this building and its grounds so it will always reflect credit upon you and present an outstanding landmark of beauty in this community." Warsaw is the third post office to receive this "Citation of Merit" in Eastern North Carolina in the past eight years. In well chosen words, congressman David Henderson presented the citation to Postmaster Lee. Henderson said it has been his privilege to work in congress for better postal service and facilities. The mail has been greatly expedited by recent rigid changes and

it is the aim of the Postal Committees to continue to provide better service. Postmaster Lee accepted the coveted award on behalf of the Warsaw Post Office and the Warsaw Garden Clubs in the presence of representatives of virtually all civic organizations in Warsaw. He presented gifts of appreciation to Mrs. Godwin, Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Thompson. Personnel in the Warsaw office in addition to Postmaster Lee are: Page Johnson, assistant to postmaster, Nathan Costin, clerk; Ray West, clerk; Clifton Quinn and J.C. Tucker, substitute clerks; and Mrs. Mattie Herring, custodian. Carriers are J.P. Johnson, Rt. 1, and Joshua Jones Rt. 2. James L. Guy is substitute carrier for Johnson and John Bennett West for Jones.

Christmas Cantata

The Choir of the Rose Hill Baptist Church will present a Christmas Cantata, "Dawn of Redeeming Grace" by Robert Graham, Sunday night, Dec. 22nd, 7:30 P.M. at the church. The program is under the direction of Mr. Jim Brissom, choir director. Dr. Carroll Trotter of Wake Forest and presently interim pastor of the church will act as narrator. The public is very cordially invited to attend.

Commissioner Reports

Russell Bostic, Beulaville, Harold Kornegay, Albertson and H.L. Oswald of Wallace were reappointed Monday by the County Board of Commissioners to a three year term to the Duplin Development Commission. Among other action by the County Commissioners were: The county sanitarian, Joe Costin, was notified that a car purchased for his use had been delivered. Beer license were issued to Melvin C. White and James H. Anderson, doing business in Wallace. Twenty-seven assistance cases of the Welfare Dept. were reviewed. Arrangements were made to provide office space for five of the six new Magistrates operating in the county under the new court reform system. Magistrates in Faison, Wallace and Warsaw will be located in their respective Town Halls. Kenansville Magistrates, W.J. Sitterson and R.F. Williamson will remain at least temporarily in the Sitterson Office. No arrangement has been worked out for the Beulaville Magistrate.

Medical Auxiliary Met

The Duplin County Medical Auxiliary met Tuesday at the Country Squire for a lunch. The Duplin County Medical Auxiliary met Tuesday at the Country Squire for a lunch. Mrs. Horace T. Ray, Jr., president, presided over the short business session during which each member agreed to fix a basket for a deserving family and take it to them before Christmas. Those attending were Mrs. Ray, Mrs. J.W. Straghan, Mrs. Paul Babin of Beulaville, Mrs. G.V. Gooding and Mrs. Oscar Gooding of Kenansville.

Farm Programs Announced

North Carolina farmers are now in the process of making plans for their 1969 farming operations. Many decisions made now can determine to a great degree the success they will have next year. Decisions have to be made pertaining to commodities to be grown, rotations, conservation practices, fertilization, insecticides, planting dates, and many other factors that go into making up a successful farming operation. In addition, decisions have to be made pertaining to how to market a commodity in order to get the most return. One of the principal factors that often affects a farmer's decision on the acreage of the commodity to plant are the farm programs administered by county ASC committees. The following is a very brief summary of the various programs available for 1969 and the decisions that have been made to this point pertaining to how these programs will operate next year:

Flue-Cured Tobacco

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced a 1969 flue-cured tobacco quota of 1,127 million pounds, about the same as the 1968 quota in effect for the past four years. The National average yield goal for 1969 remains unchanged at 1,554 pounds per acre and the National acreage allotment of 807,929 acres for 1969 is about the same as in prior years. Acreage allotments and marketing quotas for individual farms will be about the same for 1969 except that adjustments reflecting overmarkings and undermarkings in prior years will affect individual farms. Tobacco growers will again have the opportunity this year to lease and transfer acreage within the county. These transfers must be approved by the county committee on later than April 1. All growers are urged to contact their acreage

Cotton

The cotton domestic allotment program will continue in 1969. The major change from the program operating in 1968 is that there will be no diversion payment for diverting acreage from cotton in 1969. The National average price-support loan rate for middling 1-1/4 inch cotton has been set at 20.25 cents per pound. The price-support payment rate to cooperators has been established at 14.73 cents per pound. This payment will be made on 85 percent of the farm's effective 1969 allotment. In addition to the price support and price-support payments, small farmers will be eligible for an additional payment of 11.25 cents per pound on the projected yield of 35 percent of their farm allotment.

Feed Grain

Final decisions as to just how the 1969 feed grain program will operate have not as yet been announced. The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that the minimum acreage diversion for those planning to participate will be somewhere between 20 and 25 percent of the total feed grain base. A major change from the 1968 program is that barley is included in the total feed grain base.

Wheat

The 1969 wheat program was announced early this fall. Any wheat grower may participate in the 1969 wheat program by staying within his allotment and maintaining his conserving use requirement. Diversion payments will be available to wheat growers this year and farmers are urged to contact their acreage

Narcotics Violation Charged

A Warsaw merchant, George E. Clark, has been charged with a narcotic sales violation and failure to keep records. The alleged purchaser has also been charged. Daniel Gilbert, Special Agent State Bureau of Investigation has charged that the defendant "did unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously while being a registered pharmacist, fail to keep proper records of narcotic drugs, to wit, paregoric, dispensed by him during the period January 1, 1968 through November 3, 1968, said drugs dispensed being in the amount of approximately 80 gallons in violation of G.S. 90-88."

A second warrant alleged that the defendant "did sell, dispense a narcotic drug, to wit, paregoric, in the amount of 1 gallon to Raymond L. Hudson, 55, of Fayetteville, on November 4. Clark waived preliminary hearing before District Judge Russell Lanier and was bound over to the January 20 term of Duplin Superior Court on \$500. bond. Hudson was bound over to the same term of court.

Christmas Holidays

The Duplin Times Progress Sentinel Office will be closed December 25 and the remainder of the week for Christmas Holidays. All County Offices will be closed December 24 through December 29. Regular schedule will be resumed on Monday, December 30. Selective Service Office will observe the same schedule as the county and will be closed Tuesday thru Friday. Coastal Production Credit Association will be closed Tuesday thru Friday. Federal Crop Insurance Office will be closed Tuesday thru Friday. Farmers Home Administration will be closed Christmas Day, for one day only. However they will also be closed New Year's Day. Many business places in Kenansville and Warsaw will be closed Christmas Day and the day after Christmas. Mack's Variety Store will be closed on Christmas Day and will open Thursday Dec. 26 with one of their biggest sales of the year.

Fifth Term For Duplin Register Of Deeds

Mrs. Christine Williams Davis took the oath of office before Judge Elbert Peele, Jr. on Monday, December 2 for the fifth four-year term as Duplin County Register of Deeds. Mrs. Davis went into office with the highest number of votes cast for any county candidate in the November 5 election. The Duplin Registry is one of a few counties in our country which has advanced to the position of offering instant recording of deeds, etc., instant typewritten indexing, weekly microfilming for security purposes and instant copy service to the public. The last State Legislature transferred some of the duties of the Clerks of Court to the offices of the Register of Deeds. The next legislature is expected to add other duties to the growing responsibilities of this office. She is one of 21 county officials in North Carolina currently enrolled in the County Administration Course being taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The course consist of 150 hours of classroom instruction with assigned reading plus special problem seminars and is being held on eleven selected week-ends from October through May. The sessions cover personnel administration, techniques of administration, local government finance, county planning and the county as a governmental unit. Mrs. Davis is serving as chairman of the State Board of Health Advisory Committee created in August of this year to work with the State Board of Health on various matters pertaining to birth, death and marriage records. This committee is currently working on a revision of the marriage license form used in North Carolina and a Vital Statistics Handbook for Registers of Deeds. She was an incorporator of the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society and is currently serving as its treasurer. This organization in cooperation with James Sprunt Institute is now sponsoring its third series of concerts and was organized for the improvement of cultural activities in Duplin County. A charter member of the County Historical Society, she is secretary elect. Interested in the total development of our county, she was an incorporator and treasurer of the County Agricultural and Industrial Council, Inc.. This council was a forerunner of the present County Development Commission. She also served 2 years as a member of the County Development Commission. She is a past president of the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds and is now serving as co-chairman of the program committee for the 1969 State Convention. She is Married to Walter (Sam) Davis and resided on Rt. 2, Pink Hill, in Smith Township. A son, Glenn Williams and his family reside at Newton Grove. Another son, Melvin Williams and his family live at Ahaske.

Oil Jobbers Attack Proposed Gasoline Tax Increase

The President of the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association has termed the recently proposed 3¢ per gallon gasoline tax increase as "entirely unrealistic". James B. Garrison of Albemarle, in a prepared statement released over the weekend, stated that such increase would "mean that the average driver would pay 14 1/4¢ tax on each gallon of gasoline... equivalent to a sales tax of 58¢ on the product. Garrison, speaking in behalf of the 750 member trade group stressed "no groups are more vitally concerned with the continuing development of good highways than is the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association; however, the report of the Governor's Highway Study Commission raises many questions that should be answered. The entire report needs to be studied in detail by all citizens." The organization which Garrison heads is a statewide association of oil wholesalers, with headquarters in Raleigh. Garrison, who is also mayor of Albemarle, commented further "the recommended three cents per gallon increase is the gasoline tax would result in a 43% increase in the North Carolina tax... We think that it should be understood that this new tax would be paid primarily by the one car families, farmers and the working public." In conclusion Garrison mentioned that "some analogies in the report were made to the cost of air conditioning and other luxuries in autos. Unfortunately, those people who can afford such luxuries will not pay the bulk of this added burden, but it will be paid by those who can least afford it. For these reasons we feel that the recommended three cents per gallon motor fuel tax increase is entirely unrealistic.

Former Magnolia Man Dies

Herbert Horne, 69, of Goldsboro, formerly of Magnolia, died Wednesday in Parkview Hospital, Rocky Mount, from injuries received in an automobile accident. A native of Duplin County, he was the son of the late Jordan C. Horne and Betty Florence Horne of Magnolia. Funeral services were held Friday at 2:30 P.M. from Sycamore Funeral Chapel in Goldsboro, by the Rev. Barney Davison, of St. Paul Methodist Church, Willow Dale Cemetery. Surviving are: a brother, J.N. Horne and a sister, Miss Betty Horne, both of Magnolia. Honorary Pallbearers were members of the Goldsboro Elk's Club.

Miss Gresham Phi Beta Kappa



Miss Carolyn Denton Gresham of Warsaw is one of ninety University of North Carolina students that has been tapped into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's highest scholastic honorary fraternity. Less than one per cent of the campus enrollment of 15,500 has attained this honor. The new initiates received their gold keys and certificates in a special ceremony on the campus Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10. A total of 56 of the new members are North Carolina students. Carolyn is a music major at UNC, Chapel Hill and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Gresham.

Medical Society Christmas Party

The Duplin County Medical Society held its Christmas party Friday evening in the Mead Hall of the Country Squire. Out-going President Dr. H.T. Ray, Jr. welcomed the group. He introduced the new president, Dr. C.F. Hawes, and secretary treasurer, Dr. E.P. Ewers. Those enjoying the delicious steak dinner were Dr. and Mrs. H.T. Ray, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Quinn, Dr. and Mrs. E.P. Ewers, Dr. and Mrs. C.F. Hawes, Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Straghan, Dr. and Mrs. G.P. Matthews, Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Boyette, and Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Redwine.



Mr. G.P. King left, with four directors of Coastal Production Credit Association. Re-elected to serve a three year term were; A.B. Herring, Pender; Edwin S. Clemmons, Brunswick; E.R. Carlton, Duplin; and C.R. Rogers, Pender. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Coastal PCA Stockholders Annual Meet

Farmers filled the Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium Friday afternoon to conduct business of the annual stockholders of Coastal PCA, and to hear an outstanding speaker. The meeting was presided over by PCA President, Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville, with Mrs. Eleanor Key acting as secretary. In these counties in the last 12 months totaling \$1,381,048. Duplin had the largest number of loans with 1,411 in the amount of \$3,485,936. The same counties involved are more industrialized than Duplin and the low loan rates for much longer.

Total assets of Coastal Production Credit are \$10,530,789 with liabilities of \$10,335,125. The use of computers has resulted in increased operating expense which is \$1.04 for each \$100. of outstanding loans. This is the lowest operating expense of any PCA in North Carolina. King said the transition to agri-business had made credit the most important farm tool now available to farmers. He urged sound business practices and complete record keeping. Further business was the re-

election of 4 directors whose term of office had expired. Re-elected were; E.R. Carlton, Warsaw; C.R. Rogers, Rocky Point; Pender; A.B. Herring, Wartha, Pender; and E.S. Clemmons of Shallotte in Brunswick County. Carlton had the distinction of having completed thirty-four years of service as a director without having missed a directors meeting. Door prizes were given at intervals throughout the meeting.

NOTICE CHRISTMAS DEADLINE
All news must be in The Duplin Times Office by 10:00 A. M. Saturday, Dec. 21st to go in next week's Edition.
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