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After 40 years as Page Home Appliance of Warsaw, the company is changing its name to reflect a major part of its current business, Page Home Appliance and Electronics.

The business is celebrating its anniversary after opening November 1, 1945 as an appliance sales shop in downtown Warsaw. In addition to appliances, Page Home Appliance and Electronics now has available a variety of stereo equipment, televisions and telephones. J.C. Page, current president of Page Home Appliance and Electronics, founded the business. He is a Duplin County native, born in Wallace, and a resident of Warsaw since 1917.

"If I had it to do over," J.C. Page said, "I would still choose the appliance business. I had been traveling for nine years and wanted

to settle down; that is the reason I went into the appliance business." About five years after starting his business, the shop began to make a profit, Page explained.

Times have not changed much in appliance sales and products, Page said. The basic appliances are available now that he opened his store with in 1945. But, Page pointed out, a change in the look and automation of appliances has been dramatic.

"Today there are more automatic appliances than when I started," Page said. "And there is a larger selection. But, one of the most revolutionary changes in appliances happened in 1959-60 when frost proof refrigeration was introduced.

"There does not seem to be much difference in appliance durability and service today than in early ages," Page said. "But, there are

more appliances in homes so the need for service and repair is greater." Page pointed out the quality of his merchandise and dependability of the service department has been the main reasons for his business success.

Page graduated from Warsaw High School in 1931, and he found employment with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Raleigh Branch, as a credit field representative until the '30s when General Motors went on strike. He later became affiliated with the Commercial Investment Trust Corporation in Wilson. During the course of his employment he gained invaluable experience which has guided his business practices throughout life. Page explained that he was supervised by Graham Banks of GMAC as credit office manager in Raleigh. Banks taught him how to do his very best, deal with the public, credit and merchandising.

Page also served in the South Pacific with the Army for three years.

A member of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church, Page is an inactive elder at this time. He is a member of the following organizations: Voiture No. 1175-40-8 of Kinston, American Legion, Commander of Charles R. Gavin Post No. 127 for three terms,

**Contributions Still Needed For James Sprunt Foundation Fund Drive**

Entering the last week of its 4th annual fund drive, the James Sprunt Foundation has raised \$23,000 thus far from individuals and businesses who support the activities of James Sprunt Technical College.

"We have to make a final big push to raise the remaining \$7,000 we need to reach our \$30,000 goal," said Marion Elkin, fund drive chairperson, "but I'm confident we can do it."

Over \$6,500 in contributions have come from the staff and faculty. Two campus groups have established student scholarship funds. The educational office personnel organization established a scholarship fund for secretarial or business education students, and the health occupations department established one for nursing students.

A third fund established through this year's fund drive is the Charles Forrest Hawes Scholarship in honor of Dr. Hawes, a long-time physician in Rose Hill. This fund is rapidly

growing, supported by many residents who benefited from Dr. Hawes' services.

Mrs. Sudie Hawes Blanchard, Dr. Hawes' sister, recently added \$1,000 to the fund. "I think this scholarship in my brother's name is a wonderful thing, and will help in at least three ways; it will help the college; it will

**Evans Birth**

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Ray Evans of Warsaw announce the birth of their son, Timothy Ray Evans II at Wayne Memorial Hospital on Nov. 15, 1985.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Phillips of Warsaw. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Evans of Magnolia. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Julian A. Carr of Wallace.

help him; and it will help students." Dr. Hawes is currently confined to a nursing home in Wilmington, incapacitated by heart attacks.

Said Mrs. Hawes, "I can't think of a better way to get everyone interested in supporting the college than through these scholarship funds. Everyone can contribute, no matter what the amount, and truly benefit the students.

"Having James Sprunt in our county is a wonderful benefit and opportunity for so many people. People should support it in any way they can."

Contributions or pledges to the James Sprunt Foundation fund drive can be made by contacting any board member or Donna Thigpen, executive director, in the administration affairs office at JSTC. All gifts are tax deductible.

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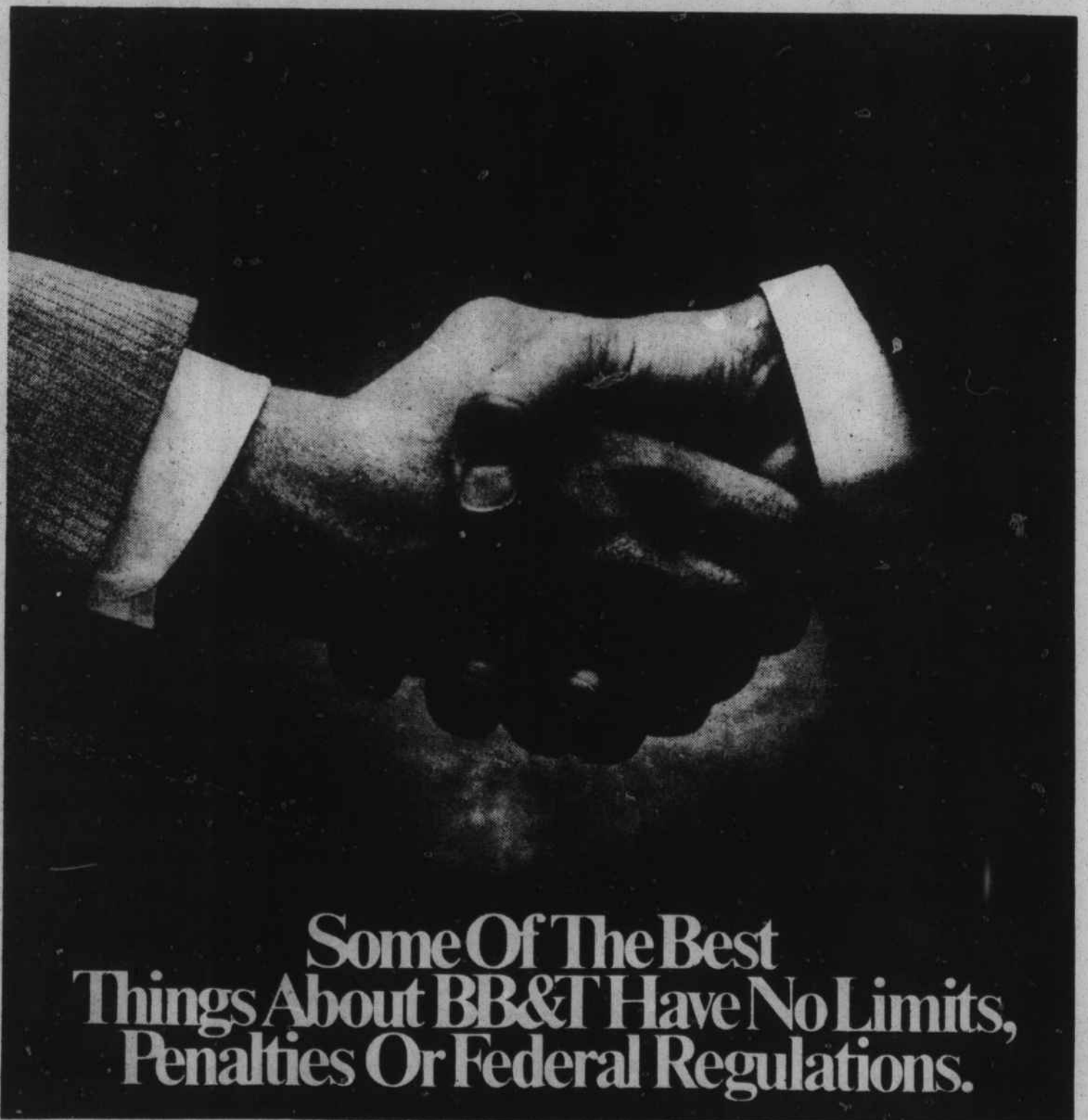
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