

Erwin Exhorts Defects in N.C. Public Schools

Advances Remedies of Educational System at County-Wide Teachers Meet

Laying bare the educational set-up and emphasizing the wrongs of the North Carolina public school system, Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spoke to 225 school teachers Tuesday afternoon in the auditorium of the Kenansville high school at the first county-wide teachers meeting held in Duplin County during the present school term.

Reports Feature Last P.T.A. Meet

New Officers Elected For Next Year; Encyclopedias Given School

At the last meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association, held in the auditorium of the Clement high school Wednesday afternoon, reports from various departments and the installation of new officers were the features.

Particularly outstanding was the report of the welfare department headed by Mrs. John F. Powers, which has furnished lunches and clothing for 17 children and the summer-round-up by funds derived from a motion picture and a bridge tournament.

New officers installed are: Mrs. J. E. Lanier, president; Mrs. A. C. Hall, vice-president; and Ralph Carlton, secretary-treasurer.

Of particular note was the presentation of an encyclopedia set, the gift of Mrs. R. G. Williams to the school.

The Wallace Parent-Teacher Association was organized in 1926 under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blair, with Mrs. William Brice as the first president and Miss Mary Lou Williams as secretary. The association was recognized by the State Congress in 1934, 1935 and in all probability will be recognized again this year.

Storage Building Razed By Flames

Fire Destroys Old Structure; Causes \$3,600 Property Damage Tuesday

Two frame buildings were completely destroyed and another partially burned when fire of undetermined origin broke out in an old storage house on West Railroad Street here shortly after noon Tuesday, causing a property damage estimated at \$3,600.

Flames on the rear roof of the storage house, which was built about 25 years ago as a portion of a livery stable, were noticed at 12:30 o'clock, and before the local volunteer fire department connected its hose the building was enveloped in flames. Efforts to save the structure were futile as the flames, several of them injured, had to combat a stiff breeze which carried flames to two outlying houses.

The storage house belonged to the W. D. Wells estate and was constructed of lightwood and heart timber. Furniture, automobile parts and electrical equipment, the property of John B. Boney, constituted most of the loss. It is understood that the insurance company will pay the balance of the loss.

Education Group Inspecting Plants

The Duplin County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools, O. P. Johnson, today are concluding a two-day inspection trip of all Duplin schools with the view of making necessary repairs prior to their opening this fall. Special emphasis is being placed on the condition of the buildings, furniture and sanitary facilities.

WALLACE MART BEGINS SALE OF STRAWBERRIES

The honor of selling the first crate of strawberries on the Wallace market, the World's Largest Strawberry Market, goes to D. P. Southland, Pender County man who sold a crate of Blakemores here Tuesday afternoon for \$6.00. Miss Virginia Powers, also of Pender County, followed suit Wednesday afternoon with a crate selling for the same price.

The first Duplin man to pick a crate of strawberries was J. B. Wells, Teachey, who shipped a full 32-quart crate of Blakemores to a New York commission house Monday night. Wells has a five-acre patch of Blakemores, sheltered by woods, and expects to pick several crates this week.

The Wallace market will officially open Monday, April 27, it is stated. The recent freeze set the market back several days and at a serious cost, as latest reports state that the Eastern Shore markets will open at about the same time as that of the local mart.

Automobile Kills Faison Bicyclist

While riding a bicycle on a highway near Faison Friday night, Frank King, colored, was fatally injured as he collided with an automobile driven by a local driver.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PICKED BY BETA CLUB

The Beta Club of Wallace high school met Saturday night at the home of Bettie Blanchard. Three juniors were elected as new members and eight sophomores as pledges. New officers were elected as follows: Dorothy Farrior, president; Joe Boy Bland, vice-president; Vivian Horne, secretary and treasurer; Billie Carter, chairman of the program committee, and Loleta Kenan, reporter. A program on "Washington," (Please Turn to Page Three)

Zone Missionary Meeting Is Held

The Duplin County zone of the Woman's Missionary Society, Wilmington district, met in the Wallace Methodist Church Thursday with Mrs. W. F. Murphy of Wallace, zone leader, presiding. Representatives from six auxiliaries were present and reported the progress of women's work in the Methodist church. Warsaw was selected as the place of meeting next fall.

Speakers included Mrs. W. G. Wells, president of the local Missionary Society, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Whiteville, district secretary, Mrs. Henry J. Falson, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Rose Hill, Mrs. J. S. Blair, Wallace, Mrs. Jesse Fussell, first zone leader, Rose Hill, Mrs. Partridge, last zone leader, Warsaw, Mrs. Wayne Jordan, Warsaw, and Rev. E. C. Hanson, Warsaw.

North Carolina Employment Service Representative Here To Help Strawberry Growers

For the purpose of taking requisitions from Duplin strawberry growers for pickers during the approaching strawberry season, officials of the North Carolina State Employment Service have announced that a representative will be located in the Town Hall, Wallace, today and for sometime thereafter. The Service is free to growers and is part of an effort to give North Carolina's unemployed the opportunity to get work during a portion of the summer, at least.

The Service will make every effort to be of assistance to both growers and workers during the coming season, it was stated.

Representatives of the Service are now making a survey of the berry pickers available at Wilson, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, (Please Turn to Page Ten)

HAILED IN COURT FOR TRADING PISTON RINGS

In a magistrate's court here Tuesday afternoon Archie Batts, young white man of near Wallace, was remanded to Recorder's court on charges of stealing a set of piston rings from Hubert Brown, a mechanic at the garage of Robert Cavanaugh, near here, and subsequently selling them to Hubert Wells, service station operator of Tin City.

Batts pled guilty to the charges, but was unable to make the \$150 bond and was confined in jail. He is said to have been released from a reformatory two years ago.

Duplin Populace Shuns Sufferers

County Has Thus Far Contributed Only \$181.29 For Benefit Flood, Wind Victims

Duplin County contributions for relief to flood and tornado sufferers have amounted to only \$15.00 above last week's total, according to statement yesterday by Capt. J. E. Jerritt, acting chairman of the Duplin County Chapter of the Red Cross.

Last week leaders of the Duplin chapter were notified that the original quota of \$300 had been increased to \$800 as a result of the intensive destruction, especially in North Carolina. The total last week amounted to \$165.35, of which Calypso contributed \$60.50, the Magnolia white school \$9.14, the Magnolia community \$27.10, and Wallace only \$6.50.

The total collected to date, according to Jerritt, is only \$181.29.

LOCAL GIRL IN INITIAL MAY DAY FETE AT U.N.C.

(Special to the Enterprise) Chapel Hill, April 15.—Miss Frances Katharine Murphey, of Wallace, has just been selected as one of sixteen co-eds at the University of North Carolina to make up the May Queen's Court in the first May Day celebration ever sponsored by the University.

MAGNOLIA CLUB HEARS PERTINENT DISCUSSIONS

Meeting Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Parley Potter, the Magnolia Home Demonstration Club, with Mrs. L. D. Dail, vice-president, presiding, heard discussions of table courtesies, April garden notes, outdoor living rooms, summer styles and materials, women in business, vitamin A, teaching children the art of cooperation, and color schemes.

Those appearing on the program included Mrs. F. O. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Jessie Howard, Mrs. S. E. Hunter, Mrs. T. M. Rogers, Miss Mary S. Williams, Mrs. E. C. Horne, Mrs. P. J. Heath, Mrs. L. E. Pope, Mrs. M. J. Martin, Home (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Congressman Poet Laureate



Washington . . . Congressman J. S. McGroarty of California (above), may be given the title of honorary poet laureate of the U. S. . . . Representative Monaghan of Mont., introduced the resolution.

Three Tried For Rose Hill Thefts

Three Goldsboro negroes have been given preliminary hearings and two more are implicated in the case of the robbery outbreak in Rose Hill last week at which time an automobile belonging to the Rose Hill mayor, Dr. C. F. Hawes, was stolen, Hyman dry goods store was entered and robbed, and other places of business reported attempted robberies.

Before magistrate C. E. Stephens in Kenansville Tuesday, Lee Currie was charged with breaking and entering and Phillip Perkins and Edna Ruth Tiler were charged with disposing of stolen property. The trio is held in jail in default of bond for appearance at the next term of Duplin Superior Court. (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Politics Now Warming Up As Candidates Announce

TEN COUPLES PURCHASE LICENSE DURING WEEK

Licenses to marry were issued to 10 couples, six white and four colored, by the office of the Register of Deeds during the past week. White couples were Elwood Grover, Lillian Miller; Tommie Hawkins, Craven County, Junie Lee, Lenoir County; Clyde Williams, Mettie Brinson; John H. Bandy, Elva Herring; J. L. Raynor, Nancy Brinkley; William N. Rose, Alice Farrior.

Colored couples were Lewis Bannerman, Frances Murphy; Douglas Miller, Lee Barden; Le Roy Brown, Virginia Bell Farrior; Charles Conyers, Lillie Mae Barden.

To Washington

A. M. Lansford, well known piano dealer of Wallace, left this week for Washington, D. C., where he expects to purchase considerable new stock to be brought here in the near future. A card received from him today stated that he and President Roosevelt were among the more than 32,000 fans who witnessed the opening game between the Senators and Yankees. (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Visits Here

Miss Dorothy Evans of New Bern spent the Easter holidays in Wallace with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Evans.

Overhead Bridge Bids Announced

S. H. & P. W. C. Opens Bids On 24 Projects In Part of Road Betterment Plan

Although Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, advised the Duplin Board of Commissioners, that the public hearing on the matter of the overhead crossing at Calypso, slated to have been held last Friday, would have to be postponed, press reports today reveal that the S. H. & P. W. C. has evidently decided to do without a hearing and con-

HOME EC STUDENTS TO PRESENT FASHION SHOW

The Home Economics department of the Clement high school will present a fashion revue in the form of an operetta, "The Suzanne Shop", Friday night at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium. The (Please Turn to Page Three)

REVEAL CANDIDATE FOR MEANEST PERSON TITLE

We've read of a cruel, snake-blooded Fagan who made little boys pick pockets, and we've heard of people who fed poison to innocent dogs, but someone who will steal flowers from graves, especially at Easter time, should be awarded a set of steel anklets.

Someone, or perhaps more, took growing as well as cut flowers from graves in the Rockfish Cemetery Saturday and Sunday, it is understood, and plans are being made to see that similar desecration will be discontinued.

NEGRO PAYS FINE FOR GOING OVER FIRE HOSE

For driving a mule and cart over a fire hose during the fire here Tuesday, Eugene Stallings, colored, paid a fine of \$5.00 and costs at a hearing before a local magistrate.

Penderlea Project May Be Expanded By 6,000 Acres

Kenansville Final Exercises Slated

Clyde A. Erwin will make the address at the commencement exercises of the Kenansville high school, as announced this week.

The complete schedule is as follows: Grade commencement, April 17, 8 o'clock; Recitation-Declaration contest, April 29, 8 o'clock; Musical recital, May 1, 7:45 o'clock; Baccalaureate, sermon May 3, 7:45 o'clock, to be delivered by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor Farmville Christian Disciple Church; Class night exercises, May 7, 7:45 o'clock; Graduation exercises, May 8, 7:45 o'clock, the address to be delivered by Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

PLAN OPENING BEAUTY PARLOR IN ROSE HILL

Miss Harris of Oxford and Miss Pearl Bowen will open a beauty parlor in Rose Hill, and Miss Walker, formerly associated with "Carolyn's Beauty Parlor", will remain in Wallace, it has been stated. Last week a Rose Hill story announced that Miss Walker would return there, but this has been found in error.

Local Finals To Start Next Week

Johnson To Preach Sermon and Erwin To Deliver Address

The first feature of the commencement series of the Clement high school will be the annual baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, which will be preached by Rev. Talmadge C. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kinston, author of two books of sermons. (Please Turn to Page Ten)

YOUNG PEOPLE HONORED AT PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

Miss Thelma Pierce of Wallace, Route 2, entertained with a party at her home Friday night.

Assorted candies were made and served to the following guests: Leslie Batts, and Woodrow Wilson of Magnolia, Bart Davis, Miss Vermelle Prescott and C. M. Prescott, Jr., of Sumter, S. C., Graham and J. D. Brinkley, Shine Sandlin, and Junius Atkinson, Misses Minnie and Maggie Wood and Leona Brinkley of Chinquapin. Also Thad Jones, Woodrow English, Edmond Blake, Morris Williams, Ray Batts, Horace Hanchey, Odell and Leroy Henderson, Clearance and Raeford. (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Seven Man CMTC Quota For Duplin

Duplin County's quota for enlistment in the annual enlistment of the CMTC, which will be held at Fort Bragg from August 5 to September 3, is seven men, according to an announcement made this week. The Pender quota is three and the Onslow quota is four.

Citizens Military Training Camps by the War Department under the National Defense act, the government paying the expenses of those attending, consisting of transportation to and from the camp, uniforms, food, medical attention, and other necessary expenses. Training offered in these camps aims at bringing together high type young men from all sections of the country on a common basis of equality and un-

Resettlement Administration Gets Option on 6,000 Acres Pender County Farm Land

CONSTRUCTION FINISHED THIS MONTH, PARK SAYS

Purchase of Land Means Development of 150 More Homesteads

There is a possibility that the Resettlement Administration will purchase 6,000 acres of land in Pender County adjacent to the Penderlea project for further development, according to a recent statement by W. H. Robbins, manager of the Penderlea project and former farm agent for Pender County, as the Administration has secured options on land adjoining (Please Turn to Page Twelve)

Two Injured By Drunken Driving

Wallace Men Involved In Near Fatal Accident; One Assessed Fine

Jesse Merritt, young white man of Wallace, was assessed \$50.00 and costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year in Recorder's court in Burgaw Tuesday morning as a result of a near fatal accident in which Ernest West, prominent Wallace farmer, and Taff Lamb, a negro employee, were seriously injured when West's automobile, driven by Merritt, was wrecked near Burgaw last Friday afternoon. Merritt was charged with operating an automobile on a public highway while under the influence of intoxicants.

The accident is said to have occurred when the automobile struck a rough spot in highway 40 North of Burgaw and ran into a ditch. All were said to have been drinking.

West and Lamb were seriously injured, and both were taken to a Wilmington hospital after receiving first aid treatment from local physicians. The Wallace man was brought home this week and it is understood that the negro is still under hospital care, as he suffers severe scalp wounds and a possible permanent injury to his left eye. West's face was badly cut by broken glass.

Drive carefully and save a life.

Wholesale Trade Raised By Retail

Commerce Department Reports Crop Conditions Unfavorable In Many Areas

Notwithstanding unfavorable weather in many sections of the country, heavy Easter buying was the important business factor of the week, according to reports to the Department of Commerce from 33 cities. In some cases, purchase of Easter merchandise indicated the largest volume in recent years. The National Confectioners Association reported 15 to 20 percent heavier Easter candy sales than last year.

Department stores in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and St. Louis reported 15 percent better business than in the same week last year with shopping conditions in Chicago resembling Chicago, Boston stores reported a gain of 44 percent, Minneapolis and St. Paul 20 percent, New Orleans 15 percent, to the Easter influence. State improvement was also reported in Cleveland, Atlanta, Memphis, Birmingham, more, Detroit and Denver. Wholesale trade was (Please Turn to Page Twelve)