

Legion Plans New Athletic Stadium

Tobacco Receipts Are Lighter On Wallace Market This Week With Demand Strongest Of Year

**Block Broken Tuesday And
Wednesday As Weather
Holds Back Grading And
Hauling Of Weed**

**BLANCHARD, FARRIOR
JOIN NEW DUPLIN**

**Both Warehouses Have Sale
Every Day Under
New Plan**

Tobacco receipts on the Wallace Market were off Wednesday as rainy weather interfered with grading and hauling, it was reported Wednesday afternoon. There were indications that the blocked condition of the markets had passed for the season and that farmers would no longer have to book space weeks in advance in order to get a sale. The same reports came from other markets of the eastern belt.

At the same time demand was reported to be greatest of the season for good grades of smoking leaf. Prices held an upward trend all week on the Wallace floors, with several entire sales averaging above \$55.00 a hundred pounds. Warehousemen also reported better grades of tobacco dominating the offerings.

Although two warehouses were destroyed by fire on the Wallace Market last week, the market retained its full set of buyers and continued until Wednesday to have their regular business taken up with the weed offered. Close to another million pounds was sold in Wallace during the past week with the average highest for the season, observers stated.

Two veteran warehousemen, O. C. Blanchard and W. H. Fاريو, operators of the Brick Warehouse which was destroyed by fire, joined forces with Car-

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THE GRAB BAG

By GEORGE B. WEAVER

Nobody wants to be reminded of the hot time in Wallace on Tuesday night, Oct. 2, but the seared trees and the rubble scattered where tobacco warehouses belonging to Joe Bryant, Oscar Blanchard, and W. H. Fاريو still make us think of the leaping flames. The Warsaw Fire Department really deserves a hand for their part in stopping the blaze that night. They arrived quickly and took their full share in fighting the blaze.

There are a few new cars making their appearances throughout the country... but very few are becoming the property of veterans of World War II. Most dealers were making up lists of buyers long before we got back to the states... which brings up the subject of what a veteran really came home to find.

Most of them found that the salary they were making on their old job before going into service would no longer support them adequately. The cost of living had gone up almost double what it was in 1940. He found it hard to get a place to live if he depended on renting... and building costs prohibitive as well as a scarcity of good materials if he wanted to build a home. He found that the good steaks and chops which he used to enjoy could no longer be found. White shirts for his dress wear and suits were almost non-existent. He couldn't buy an electric refrigerator, washing machine, electric range, or typewriter. If he tried to buy surplus property from the War Department he found a line much tougher than any Army show or pay line he ever "sweated out."

All this would not have been so unendurable if he felt secure in the knowledge that the peace he had won would be kept. But, no... the kicking of nations against nations rumbled like distant thunder in the air and served notice on him that another war might be coming.

Woman's Clubs District Meet Is Held Monday

**Mrs. N. C. Blake Of Burgaw
Elected President And Mrs.
S. H. Mallard Of Wallace
Vice-President**

At the meeting of the Eleventh District of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs in Rose Hill on Monday, October 7, Mrs. N. C. Blake, of Burgaw, was elected president, Mrs. S. H. Mallard of Wallace, vice-president, and Mrs. J. F. Bradshaw, Jr., of Burgaw, secretary.

Highlights of the meeting were the address by Mrs. Karl Bishopric, state federation president, of Spray, and the reports by Mrs. John M. Council, second vice-president, of Wanaish, and Mrs. Charles G. Doak, executive secretary, of Raleigh.

Greetings to the district were extended by Mrs. H. G. Ward, president of the hostess club, with a most gracious response by Mrs. John A. Gavin of Kenans-

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National Fire Prevention Week October 6-12

**Proclamation By Governor
Asks Citizens To Publicize
The Danger Of Fire And
Eliminate Hazards**

This week, October 6-12, has been designated all over the United States as National Fire Prevention Week, and a proclamation to that effect has been issued by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, in recognition of the need for publicity and education along the lines of fire prevention.

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development have also chosen this week for the beginning of their annual campaign for the prevention of forest fires which annually destroy thousands of dollars worth of timber and kill young growth trees on land which might produce valuable timber in a few years.

William P. Hodges, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner, urges all citizens to carefully inspect their homes and premises and to eradicate any fire hazards which may be found. Reports indicate that over three-fifths of the lives lost in fires are lost in burning homes.

At this time, also, fire drills are held in schools so that school children will be trained in emptying school buildings should fires occur in them.

To Serve Supper For Health Fund

The Wallace Junior Woman's Club will serve a turkey supper on Thursday evening, October 17, from 6 to 8 p. m. at the Community Building, it was announced this week.

Proceeds from this supper will go to the Health Clinic which will be conducted during the year in the Wallace schools. Tickets to the supper may be purchased from members of the Junior Woman's Club.

Appreciation

The Enterprise has been requested by officials of the Town of Wallace and by many other interested citizens to convey publicly to the Warsaw Fire Department the appreciation of the Town of Wallace and its citizens for the excellent work done in fighting the fire which threatened for a time to raze an entire block, and for their promptness in responding to the call for help.

Many persons have expressed the opinion that the fire was brought under control at the point where it was finally stopped largely through the efforts of the Warsaw firemen. Wallace salutes the Warsaw Fire

Attendance At School Is Asked By Supt. Johnson

**Superintendent Relates That
County Had More Pupils
Absent Each Day Than En-
rollment Largest School**

**TO ENFORCE SCHOOL
LAW IN COUNTY**

**Full Time Attendance Officer
At Work This
Year**

By O. P. JOHNSON
*Duplin County Superintendent
Of Schools*

During recent years it has been obvious that Duplin County needed very much to do something to improve school attendance. The patrons of our schools, in many instances, were keeping pupils at home for no legal reason. The schools of the county had a total of 177,440 absences during the year 1944-45. During the 1945-46 school term Duplin County had an average of 1,147 children absent per day. This is greater than the enrollment of the Beulaville School by almost 200. In other words, our average daily absences were greater than the enrollment of our largest school. More than ten per cent of the children of the county were absent each day of school.

Realizing that such a condition cannot be tolerated the Board of Education, with the help of the County Commissioners, employed a full time attendance officer who has been busy during the first few weeks of school, and as a result we have had about one-half of the usual number of absences. This has been done without making a single arrest. The greater number of our people have cooperated but we have a small number of patrons who have not cooperated and who have kept their children at home without valid excuses.

It is our purpose to see that each child in Duplin County between the ages of seven and sixteen years is in school regularly. We know that arrests will be made and we regret that it is necessary to take such action. For the sake of the childhood of Duplin County, we will enforce this law.

The state law with reference to school attendance reads as follows: "Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall cause such child to attend school during the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session."

It is not our plan to persecute our people, but in a few instances, we will be forced to prosecute. Give us your full cooperation, and your children a better school opportunity by sending them to school each day unless they are ill.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT BETHEL CHURCH

A series of revival services will be held at Bethel Presbyterian church, Chinquapin, beginning October 14 and continuing through October 20, with services at 7:30 each evening. Guest minister will be the Rev. Ben L. Rose, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Bristol, Va.

NEW STORE PLANS OPENING OCT. 18

The new Western Auto Associate Store, to be operated by R. L. Butler, has scheduled its opening for Friday, October 18, it was announced this week.

Revivalist



The Rev. Ben L. Rose, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Bristol, Va., who will conduct a week of revival services at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Tax Collections Hit Record High For September

**Tax Collector I. N. Henderson
Reports Collections Above
\$141,000 For Month**

**RECEIPTS DATE
BACK TO 1924**

**Over \$121,000 Collected On
1946 Taxes In One
Month**

Tax receipts for Duplin County topped the \$141,000 mark in September and were the largest ever collected in Duplin County, according to the report of I. N. Henderson, Duplin County Tax Collector, made to the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

Of the total collected \$121,578.53 was on 1946 taxes, \$5,832.87 on 1945 taxes, \$2,110.36 on 1944, \$1,386.93 on 1943, \$1,204.60 on 1942, \$1,060.69 on 1941 and \$1,088.30 on 1940 taxes. The remainder of the taxes collected dated back as far as 1924.

The large receipts were the result of increased prosperity in the county and the fact that 1946 taxes fell due in September. Improvements in business and farm property also listed this year for the first time accounted for an increase in taxes collected.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Gaylor

Mrs. Victoria Gaylor, 86, died at her home here Thursday afternoon, September 26, 1946. Her funeral was conducted in the First Free Will Baptist church, Saturday afternoon by Rev. K. D. Brown of Burgaw and his son, Marson Brown, Rev. J. B. Sessoms, pastor of Magnolia Baptist church and Rev. G. Van

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Local Men Get New Airplane

A sleek new Ercoupe has been purchased by Earle C. Sanderson and D. P. Sellers of Wallace and was delivered Friday. On the same day Sanderson flew to Jacksonville and secured his private pilot's license.

Sanderson reported this week that his new ship is a "honey."

County Girl Enters 4-H Dress Revue

Miss Elaine Register of the Kenansville 4-H Club entered the 4-H District Dress Revue, October 1, in Lumberton. Elaine wore a beautiful gold wool jersey dress, that she made, with black accessories. She is one of the 4-Blue Award Winners of the eleven counties that make up the district.

Elaine was winner of the County 4-H Dress Revue.

Moses Artis To Die For Murder Of G. G. Houston

**Jury Deliberates Only Short
Time Before Returning
Verdict Of Guilty In First
Degree Friday**

**NUMBER OTHER
CASES HEARD**

**Four Couples Granted Di-
vorces At September
Term**

Moses Artis, colored, was found guilty of first degree murder in the killing of G. G. Houston, white farmer of Rockfish Township, in Duplin County, Superior Court in Kenansville Friday, and was sentenced to die in the gas chamber on Friday, December 6, 1946. Notice of appeal was given.

Artis was charged with shooting his landlord, Houston, the last Saturday afternoon in May and had been in jail since that time. After hearing the evidence and the arguments of counsel the jury, selected from a special venire for this case, deliberated less than one hour before bringing in a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

Other cases disposed of last week were as follows: Willie (Kute Jack) Fennell, charged with breaking and entering, was given a nol pro with leave.

Leslie Manley Hall was found not guilty on a charge of operating an auto while intoxicated.

Earl Pickett, Jr., charged with larceny and receiving; sentenced to 2 years on the roads; suspended for three years.

William Henry West was awarded a divorce from his wife, Ruth West. Custody of their 14 year son was awarded to Mrs. West.

Gurney Elwood Scott was awarded a divorce from Verna Mae Scott.

Audrey L. Marshburn was awarded a divorce from Alma Thorp Marshburn.

Earl Stroud was found not guilty of selling whiskey. Atwood Williams was given a nol pro on charges of fornication and adultery but was sentenced to 6 months in jail on a charge of forcible trespass. Sentence suspended for two years.

James Arthur Barnes was given two years on the roads on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lewis Tann, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, Mis-trial.

Willie Bass was given 15 months on the roads on a charge of house-breaking and larceny.

TO EXHIBIT CURTAINS AT N. C. STATE FAIR

Miss Mittie Ruth Wallace is scheduled to have an exhibit of bedroom curtains at the State Fair, October 15-19. Miss Wallace had room improvement as her project during the current year. Counties participating this year are Bertie, Greens, Duplin, Hoke, Catawba, Stanly, Yadkin, Macon and McDowell.

HALLOW'EEN CARNIVAL AT PENDERLEA SCHOOL

There will be a Hallow'e'en Carnival at the Penderlea School gymnasium on Thursday night, October 31, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to come and share in the fun.

Drawing Tuesday Will Close Drive By Rose Hill Civitans For Shop Fund

The Rose Hill Civitan Club's shop building fund drive will close on Tuesday evening, October 30, at 8:00 o'clock.

Grand prize in the drawing will be a new G. E. electric refrigerator. Two nice radios will be given away as well as a number of other prizes listed elsewhere in an advertisement in this issue. Other prizes are estimated to have a value of around \$150.

Funds have been solicited for the building of a shop for Rose Hill High School to be used by

New Athletic Stadium Costing \$10,000 Planned For Wallace By Local American Legion Post

Fire Damages Sandwich Shop Early Wednesday

**Damages Estimated At Near
\$1,000 Done To Building
And Contents; Beer Lost**

Fire in the rear of Wilson's Sandwich Shop at the corner of West Main and Railroad Streets about 8:30 Wednesday morning did damage estimated to total almost \$1,000 to the building and its contents.

The sandwich shop, operated by H. E. Wilson, suffered smoke and water damage to its stock and the destruction of several hundred dollars worth of beer which was stored in the room where fire started from a water heater.

Firemen responded to the call and soon had the blaze under control.

Bulldogs Score Win Over Ayden By Score 7-6

**Meeks Stars On Offense In
Friday Game; Play Clinton
Here Next Friday After-
noon**

The Wallace Bulldogs won their first victory of the season over Ayden by the score of 7-6 in a hard-fought contest on the local gridiron Friday afternoon.

Not only was it the locals' first victory but it was the first game in which they have scored, their record including two one-sided defeats at the hands of LaGrange and a scoreless tie with Clinton.

The Wallace tie came near the end of the third period when Meeks took a punt on the 50 yard line and ran it back to the Ayden 10 yard stripe, a nifty 40 yard punt return by a boy who was very much there on offense all afternoon. Although set back by an off-side penalty, Meeks carried the ball to the two-yard line and Teachey carried it to pay dirt on a quarterback sneak.

After the touchdown, Garnie Herring, who had been injured earlier in the game, came in to place-kick the extra point and clinch the win.

Ayden scored its marker early in the first period, using a T-formation which seemed to baffle the Wallace boys at first. After this first score, the visitors were never able to penetrate Wallace territory and the remainder of the game was played with the ball deep in Ayden territory most of the time.

Coach Overman stated that he was pleased with the showing his team made on defense, with Eustace Wood and Earl Casey backing up the line and Earl Salmon and Henry James playing good ball at end.

Wallace plays Clinton here Friday at 2:00 p. m. The locals played Clinton to a tie earlier and hope to win this time.

**Modern Athletic Plant Au-
thorized At Meeting Of
Legion On Friday Night**

**MONEY ON HAND
TO PURCHASE LOT**

**Expect To Have Field Ready
For Next Baseball
Season**

A new athletic plant for Wallace was assured Friday night with the approval given to the project by the Wallace Post of the American Legion. The new plant will provide a park for football and baseball and probably a summer playground for children of the community.

As it is now planned, the baseball park will be ready for next season's play, and the Legion hopes to have lights installed for night play by that time.

The stadium would be made up of playing field for various sports, a grandstand and dressing room to be constructed under the bleachers, with modern conveniences which would make the plant one which the citizens of Wallace would be proud of.

The money for the purchase of a site has already been raised through a canvass of the town and negotiations are now underway for the purchase of a lot suitable for the new stadium, according to John Moore, chairman of the Legion's committee on the new athletic plant. Other members of the committee are E. W. Faires and David Powell. Included in the plans is a proposal for retaining an athletic officer to coach Legion baseball and to supervise a children's playground.

Moore pointed out that it is not just a Legion project but a community project and that the people of Wallace and the surrounding area will benefit from the new stadium. The Legion will guarantee that all admission charges for events staged in the stadium will be approved by a committee from the Legion in charge of the field and that admissions will be nominal. Any profits from events in the stadium will be re-invested for the athletic program for children in Wallace and vicinity.

The proposed construction will cost around \$10,000, it was announced this week. Representatives of the Legion stated that it was hoped to have the stadium in shape for playing baseball next season and that it would be fully completed with lights by next football season, when the high school team would use it for their games.

Ramsey Leases Nabor Theatre

The new theatre now being constructed by Jos. H. Bryant and D. L. Wells on Railroad Street has been leased to Dennis W. Ramsey who will operate the new theatre as well as the Rose Hill Theatre which he owns and has successfully operated since its opening early this year, it was stated this week.

The new theatre, which will be named the Nabor Theatre, according to Mr. Ramsey, will provide the very latest in projection and sound equipment and will be furnished with the most spacious and comfortable seats available for theatres. The firm of Leslie Boney and Son, architects, have been engaged to plan the arrangement of the new building so as to provide the utmost in entertainment comfort.

For cold weather it will be heated by gas and will be air cooled in summer. A spacious lounge room is being provided for the ladies. Seating is being planned so that every seat will be a good seat as far as screen perspective is concerned, Ramsey stated.

The opening date of the Nabor Theatre will be announced later but it is hoped that it will not be long off.

Don't be the blame for a forest fire in your community. Help observe Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 6-12) by being cautious with matches, cigarette butts.