

AGRICULTURAL FARM AGENT

County Agents Office and the County Health Department are planning a joint program to start in the near future, which is to help all the county of rats. The Health Department is primarily interested in this program from the health standpoint. Rats help spread diseases and are very unsanitary in general. The Extension Department is not only interested in this program from the health view, but from the property damaged caused by those pest. Rats destroy thousands of dollars worth of grain and property each year in Duplin County. Plans are being made to get Mr. George H. Day, District Agent in Rodent Control, from State College, to come and help out in this campaign. Further notices will be given concerning this program next week. In the meantime, those who are interested in such a campaign should contact the County Health Officer, County Agent or Assistant County Agent.

The farmers of Duplin and Sampson Counties shipped 3 carloads of hogs in Warsaw Monday, March 8. The producers received approximately \$3,277.50 from the 34,000 pounds of live weight shipped. This was the second cooperative sale of this kind held this year for the swine growers. Mr. H. W. Taylor, Extension Swine Specialist, from State College Station, was here and helped in weighing and grading the hogs. Everybody seemed to be well pleased with the sale and it is planned to make another cooperative shipment of this kind on April 8th. However, further notice will be given concerning this sale.

The farmers of Duplin County are continuing their permanent pasture program this year. The County Agents Office has helped in securing and distributing seeds for 96 farmers who are working old pastures over and planting new ones. These pastures will cover a total of 79 acres of land. Many other farmers are now in the process of planting pastures or will be in the near future, and there is a great need for more and better pastures in the county. It would be a fine thing if every farmer in the county could have at least a small plot set aside for a pasture in order to help feed the family cow, which should be on every farm.

GOOD SEED NECESSARY FOR PROFITABLE CROP

Get the best sweet potato seed you can get now and next fall and winter you will get better prices for your crop.

Good seed not only produces greater yields per acre, it also helps produce good quality potatoes that command top prices," said L. P. Watson, extension horticulturist at State College.

This year growers should give more attention to quality than to quantity, he added, as a big crop is in prospect and only the best potatoes will bring good prices.

A buyer recently told Watson he paid 25 cents more a basket for good grade potatoes than for the run-out, low quality potatoes most farmers were offering him from the '36 crop.

The average yield per acre last year was 90 bushels.

At 25 cents more on the basket good grade potatoes would bring \$22.50 more per acre, Watson pointed out.

But this is no tall, he continued. Good seed would produce a greater yield and the grower would get much more than \$22.50 per acre over the returns for inferior potatoes.

Duplin County Democrats gathered here last Thursday night and participated in the nation wide Democratic Victory Dinner. Henry L. Stevens, chairman of the dinner presided and Hon. Graham A. Barden made the principal address. Around one hundred Democrats from all sections of the county, together with representatives from Pender County and several homesteaders from Fenderlea gathered and ate barbecue bread and slaw at the tune of \$2. per plate, netting the cause of the party close to \$150.

Ticket sales were in charge of Henry Stevens, Tommy Gresham and Robert West of Warsaw, Roy Cates, Faison, Robert Grady, Kenansville, R. J. (Bob Jack Sandlin and John Bostic of Beulaville and Roy Wilder of Wallace. Dinner was served by the Junior Woman's Club of Kenansville.

At seven-thirty the crowd began to gather in the only "Roosevelt" Agricultural building in the United States. Henry Stevens opened the meeting by stating the purpose of the gathering. Devotional was said by Clerk of Court E. V. Wells. As a preliminary to the principal speaker, Henry called on practically everyone present to say a few words. Most impressive among the speakers were delegates from Fenderlea who expressed their deep appreciation to President Roosevelt who made Fenderlea possible and to Hon. Graham Barden, the man who is responsible for the continuation of the project.

Sam Turlington of Warsaw, you all know him, was very much in the limelight. It was said by many that Sam was the best wisecracker that he had ever been.

Congressman Barden spoke for about half an hour defending President Roosevelt against many personal attacks that have been made against him recently because of the Supreme Court. [Editorial note: Here let me say that Graham Barden made the best speech I have ever heard him make and presented President Roosevelt and convinced his hearers of the sincerity of the president more than any speaker I have ever heard.]

"I am not ashamed of being present at this dinner, and I am not ashamed of the great victory President Roosevelt lead the Democratic Party to" he said. "A few years ago Eastern North Carolina was not known in Washington City but today it is known, even if we do not have great monopolies of wealth", he said.

Climaxing the program, Mrs. J. D. Robinson of Wallace moved that the meeting go on record as opposing Senator Tydings Victory dinner speech in Raleigh. At this juncture Judge Ab Blanton addressed the chair from the rear of the hall and waxed eloquent in the Blanton style and literally shouted a second to the motion and amending it by adding that Senator Josiah Bailey be instructed that "he keep himself in Washington, New York or some damnable infernal place until he could represent the people of North Carolina and support the President, and that Senator Tydings be asked never to put his foot in North Carolina again", the crowd applauded approval.

WEAVER'S BRIDGE NAMED FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE; NAME CANNOT BE CHANGED

At the last meeting of Duplin County Commissioners they passed a resolution to change the name of "Weaver's Bridge" to "Pickett's Bridge." Since they have been informed by Highway Commissioner Waynes that they had no such right and the name could not be changed unless they took the matter before the entire State Highway Commission and get their approval.

In last week's issue of the Times we inquired if any one knew just where Weaver's Bridge got its name. The following letter was received this week:

Wilmington, N. C.
March 8th., 1937
Mr. Robert Grady, Editor
Duplin County Times
Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have read with interest in your paper that the name of "Weaver's Bridge" has been changed to "Pickett's Bridge." You make the following inquiry, "the Times would like to know, if any one in Duplin County knows, just how the bridge came to be known as "Weaver's Bridge."

In 1892, General James B. Weaver of Iowa, was the Populist nominee for President of the United States, and I heard him make a speech during that campaign in a big grove belonging to Capt. John C. MacMillan at Teachey's. I am quite positive that this bridge was named for General Weaver. That was my understanding at the time. I was living at Sarecta at that time about four miles from "Weaver's Bridge".

Grover Cleveland was elected president that year for his second term. He was first elected President in 1884 and was defeated by President Harrison in 1888, and he defeated Harrison again in 1892.

Yours very truly,
R. G. GRADY.

We have been further told by several older people in Kenansville that the contents of this letter are correct and also that the first bridge was constructed by people living East of the river who desired a crossing at the place, and not by the county. Those getting together and building the bridge were strong supporters of James B. Weaver.

Negro Child Killed Wednesday When He Ran Into A Passing Car

An 8 year old son of Nick Hawes, colored, was almost instantly killed Wednesday afternoon when he ran into the front fender of a car driven by Walter Stroud. The accident occurred about one mile West of Weaver's Bridge. Several negro children were walk-

ing down the road, some on each side of the road. Stroud took to the center to avoid hitting them and as he passed between the groups young Hawes suddenly darted across the road, running into the front fender of Stroud's car. An investigation exonerated Stroud of all blame.

Rose Hill Boys And Beulaville Girls Take County Tournament

The county high school basketball tournament came to a close in the Wallace Gymnasium Monday night when the Rose Hill boys defeated B. F. Grady boys for the championship. Rose Hill girls were

runners up in the finals when Beulaville took the championship from them by one point. For more complete story see Rose Hill section.

HENRY STEVENS STRICKEN PLEURISY, COURT ADJOURNS

Judge Sinclair of Fayetteville, opened a two weeks term of Superior Court here Monday and adjourned Tuesday morning until Friday due to the sudden illness of Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw. Mr. Stevens was stricken with an acute attack of Pleurisy while in the court room and was taken to his home in Warsaw. He is improving rapidly and is expected to be out in a few days.

Mr. Stevens was appearing in the case of McGowen vs Davis which was the first case called Monday. Judge Sinclair returned Friday morning and adjourned court for the week. Court will open for the second week Monday morning.

Jury List County Court April 5th., 1937

J. H. Teachey, A. K. Mobley, Jacob Smith, W. C. Grady, H. C. Williams, Kelly Sholar, M. J. Swinson, E. T. Vernon, J. B. Williams, Z. V. Blount, D. M. Turner, Virgie Davis, Walter J. Brown, G. V. Bostic, F. W. Jones, R. V. Williams, D. F. Boone, G. L. Brown, M. D. Woodward, Jeremiah Lanier, James C. Jackson, M. C. Sanderson, J. W. Williford, Albert Sasser.

Duplin Farmers Laying Tile

Duplin and Lenoir county farmers will probably lay more than 100,000 feet of tile this year to protect their fields from excessive wetness.

This was the estimate made by H. M. Ellis, assistant extension agricultural engineer at State college, after going into those counties to give tile-laying demonstrations.

A few weeks ago he met with Lenoir and Duplin county farmers to give demonstrations, make surveys for drains, and help arrange for co-operative tile purchases in carload lots.

Lenoir farmers bought three carloads totaling some 15,000 feet and Duplin farmers have purchased seven carloads amounting to some 35,000 feet.

A few days ago he conducted more demonstrations and found such increased interest in drainage that he felt safe in estimating another eight carloads would be purchased soon in Duplin county, and three more in Lenoir county.

In the demonstrations, Ellis surveyed tile lines, graded the tile ditches, laid the tile, "blinded" the joints and built concrete structures to protect the outlets.

The last demonstration in Duplin county was attended by 68 men, including five farm agents from adjoining counties. Some 30 farmers witnessed the last demonstration in Lenoir county.

Ellis commented that good drainage is necessary in low, swampy areas to carry off, the excess water and tile drains give much better results than open ditches.

To Our Readers

Again we must apologize for being late. Last week we explained that mechanical trouble in the shop forced us to come out on Saturday and this week's tremendous increase in advertising lineage following last week's upset in the shop forced us late again. When a large break in advertising takes place everything in the printing shop must be in first class order to enable us to issue on time. We hope you will bear with us and probably in another week we will be caught up. Its just like getting behind with a little cash. Once you get behind it takes a long time to catch up. And incidentally we are badly behind in cash. If about five hundred of you subscribers would remit your renewals during the next thirty days you would not be out but \$1.00 each, and we would be in \$500. Give us a break won't you? Thanks?

Wallace Ladies In New York

Miss Emily Walker, operator for the Curley Top Beauty Shoppe and Mrs. Della Ballard, owner of Ballard's Beauty Salon are spending this week in New York City attending the International Beauty Convention. On their return they will be able to wave your hair in the new and stylish coiffure. Watch for their ads soon, to