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Magnolia Bootlegger Draws Gun On Duplin Officers; Arrested

Roy Pridgen, notorious Magnolia bootlegger, was arrested Sunday morning by deputies Wagstaff, Fussell and Kissner after a search warrant had been issued. The officers approached the house and as Pridgen came to the door he drew a rifle on the officers stating that no one was going to search his house. One of the officers pulled his pistol in no unmistakable terms and Pridgen dropped his rifle.

Some whiskey and containers were found. One container held whiskey and kerosene. Pridgen was charged with manufacturing whiskey and assault on an officer. At a hearing before Magistrate C. B. Sitterson Sunday morning he was placed under a \$1500 bond and jailed.

Sitterson stated to the Times that he has had a number of complaints recently about Pridgen from Magnolia citizens.

UNC Professor At Outlaws Bridge Church Sunday

Dr. Raymond Adams of Chapel Hill will be guest speaker for the regular 4th Sunday Services at the Outlaws' Bridge Universalist Church, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Adams.

New 1947 Potato Growers Eligible For Support

Under the 1947 price support program for Irish potatoes, producers on farms for which no 1947 farm goal was established will be eligible for support if the acreage of potatoes on the farm does not exceed 2.9 acres. In order to provide an opportunity for determining acreage on such farms and hence establish the eligibility of the producer for price support, such producers must give advance notice to the county office, indicating that they desire to be considered eligible for price support operations, according to Joe E. Sloan, Chairman Duplin ACA.

Soil Testing Program Suggested

Farmers of Duplin should have their soil tested to determine the amount of lime needed in fields and also for the other information furnished regarding plant food requirements, states Joe E. Sloan of the ACA. The instructions for taking soil samples and the necessary containers may be obtained from the county office and farmers may submit them to the State Laboratory.

Plans Completed For Stock Show

Kinston. — The agriculture committee of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce has completed major plans for the 7th annual Coastal Plains Fat Stock Show and Sale at the New Dixie Warehouse here April 9-10, and Chairman B. Cameron Langston declared every indication points toward another record event under sponsorship of the local chamber.

The committee voted to offer \$500 in awards in the swine department and \$700 in the cattle division. The money offered in 1946 was \$301 for hogs and \$651 for cattle.

John Burton was named chairman of the housing committee for the show, and E. R. Leigh will be chairman of the show. There will be a number of other attractions.

Senator Johnson's Tax Lien Bill Hits A Snag In The House

(From News & Observer)

House Finance Committee members gave a grudging approval Wednesday to the Senate bill barring tax liens for 1938 and prior years, but not before approving amendments which exempted a dozen counties from the bill's provisions. Introduced by Senator Rivers D. Johnson of Duplin, the bill passed the Senate three weeks ago with little opposition. It was attacked vigorously by committee members Wednesday, however, and won approval only after 12 Representatives made it clear they would support the bill if their counties are exempted from it.

Endorsed by the committee were amendments withdrawing the following counties from the bill's provision: Pamlico, Columbus, Buncombe, Dare, Ashe, Cumberland, Iredell, Hyde, Perquimans, Rowan, Camden, and Scotland.

Would Lose Taxes The bill, which several Representatives contended would cost their counties thousands of dollars in unpaid taxes, provides that after December 31, 1948, no county or municipality may institute suit against uncollected taxes for 1938 and prior years. From that date on, a 10-year statute of limitations would go into effect, in that no governing body could bring foreclosure actions on taxes more than ten years old.

As amended by the Senate Finance Committee, the bill gives county and municipal officials until December 31, 1948, to bring tax actions for 1938 and prior years. The bill is not applicable to foreclosure actions already under way on December 31, 1948, and would

not be applicable to liens for street and sidewalk improvements in municipalities.

Rep. Henry C. Fisher of Buncombe classed the bill as "a bad piece of legislation," and said that it would cost Buncombe County around \$500,000 in uncollected taxes if the county came under the measure.

Sen. John E. McLaughlin of Iredell, who bitterly opposed the bill when it came before the Senate, led the opposition. He told the committee that Iredell County is now attempting to collect all possible back taxes, and that if the bill is approved on a Statewide basis his county would stand to lose \$100,000 at least.

The House Committee first considered the tax liens measure two weeks ago, but postponed final action in order that its introducer, Senator Johnson, could be heard. Although Johnson was not present on Wednesday, Sens. R. A. Whitaker of Lenoir and William Medford of Haywood appeared to urge the committee's approval.

A delegation of Iredell County and Statesville city officials appeared before the committee two weeks ago, urging that Johnson's bill be defeated or that Iredell be exempted if the bill was passed.

The bill's advocate argued that the measure would increase the credit of counties and municipalities, while opponents held that the bill simply rewards nonpayment of taxes.

Present law enables counties and municipalities to go back through the year 1927 to collect unpaid taxes.

Negro Child Burned To Death Near Beulaville; Mother Badly Burned

A tenant house on the farm of Mrs. Adelle Matthews near Beulaville was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The house was occupied by Eddie Gray Spencer, Negro, and family. At the time of the fire, his wife and 5 year old daughter were asleep in the house and the child was burned to death. The woman was badly burned and was found rolling in the road in front of the house by Emmett Clark and Jonah Whaley, the first persons to arrive on the scene after being attracted from a distance by smoke.

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At this meeting, a report on the financial standing of the town was

Progress Of Red Cross Fund Campaign

The following five communities have raised their quotas in the Red Cross Fund Raising Campaign:

Potter's Hill, Chinquapin, Teachey, Wallace and Warsaw. The next nearest their goals are Kenansville and Outlaws' Bridge. The others are 50% or better and the total amount reported to date is \$3,757.73.

Langston will head the display committee for the show. Dr. John E. Foster of the animal husbandry department of State College will be the judge. Wayne Ramey of Selma exhibited the prize beef last year. The champion that weighed 1,000 pounds and sold for 77 cents per pound.

Turner Named Dealer Of Cure-All Burners

T. A. Turner and Company of Pink Hill announces they have been named dealer in this section for the famous Cure-All System of tobacco cures. Mr. Linwood Turner states that a car load is expected early in April. Also the Turner Company are agents for the Allis-Chalmers line of farm machinery.

Church Bulletin

The preaching schedule for the Duplin Methodist Circuit for Sunday, March 23, is as follows: Magnolia - 11:00 A. M. Unity - 8:00 o'clock P. M. The Pastor, Rev. John M. Cline, will preach at each service.



Beulaville Girls, Magnolia Boys Take County Basket Ball Tournament

Warsaw Stores To Close Soon

The merchants of Warsaw report they will begin Wednesday afternoon closing on April 2nd. The stores will close at 12 o'clock. The closings will continue until the border belt tobacco market opens.

Duplin Red Sox To Begin Spring Training March 24

The Duplin Red Sox, Warsaw's entry into the Tobacco State baseball league, will begin formal training Monday, March 24, when eleven pitchers and three catchers of note will report to Manager Jimmy Miller, at the Warsaw ball park. The entire team of over thirty trainees will report April 1.

This is the first year Warsaw has had a ball club and Arthur Apple, business manager of the Duplin County Athletic Association, along with each and every official and stockholder, has been at work untold hours striving to get Warsaw and Duplin County prepared for a summer of enjoyment and recreation.

The opening exhibition game will be played with Wilson, of the Coastal Plain League, in Warsaw on Saturday, April 12, the hour to be announced later. It is hoped that all games might be arranged at night, because the lighting facilities are of the best in Eastern North Carolina, but if at that time

the weather is still moderately cool, day games will be arranged. Several outstanding exhibition games will be played with Coastal and Carolina League teams prior to the formal opening of the Tobacco State League on April 29.

Mr. Apple announces that season tickets are now on sale, this book of tickets consisting of sixty-one tickets, one for each of the home-town games, exclusive of holiday games, July Fourth and Labor Day. The Tobacco State League rules holiday games out of season tickets. The sixty-one tickets in a season ticket book are transferable and may be used in any the buyers sees fit or as many at a time at any of the games except holiday games. These books sell for \$32.50, an easy and convenient way for fans to purchase their tickets.

The stockholders held an important and enjoyable supper meeting Friday evening, March 14, at the Legion Home at which time they enjoyed a barbecue chicken supper.

Duplin Farmers Plan Aid Tobacco Associates, Inc.; 200 Attend Meet

—by LACY F. WEEKS

Approximately 200 Duplin County tobacco growers met in the Court House in Kenansville last Friday night, March 14. At this meeting, Will Rogers, Organization Director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau discussed Tobacco Associates, Inc., which was recently organized for the purpose of dealing with the flue cured tobacco situation in foreign countries. Tobacco Associates will work with the State Department, Commerce Department, and Agricultural Department in an effort to build and maintain tobacco exports with foreign countries. It was pointed out that from 40 to 50 per cent of the income from flue cured tobacco comes from export

trade. The group present agreed that it was very important to develop our export markets as much as possible. To do this, funds are needed to establish an Office in New York, hire personnel, and to send representatives abroad to help work out trade agreements, etc. Duplin County farmers have been asked to raise by voluntary contributions \$1910.37. The group present last Friday night raised \$476.00 at the end of the meeting. Each tobacco grower who wishes to contribute, may do so by giving his contribution to a local Farm Bureau Leader, or to Miss Dora Betty Dixon, Secretary of the Duplin County Farm Bureau.

Serious Wreck Near Warsaw Hospitalizes Five People

In a head on collision of a model A Ford, driven by Lewis Carroll, of Turkey and a Plymouth coupe, occupied by three negroes, about a half mile north of Bowden, near Warsaw Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock, five persons were seriously injured and carried to the Goldsboro Hospital, by two ambulances from Quinn-McGowan in Warsaw. Reports are that the negro driver

failed to negotiate a curve and collided head on with the car driven by Carroll.

Highway Patrolman James McColeman of Warsaw investigated the wreck. No charges have been preferred. Last reports state that all five are still living.

Carroll is a brother of Prof. J. G. Carroll of Wake Forest College.

Jurors Listed For April Term

The following jurors have been drawn for the April term of Superior Court (Mixed Term):

G. V. Lanier, H. L. West, F. B. Bowden, Henry Sheffield, Paul Bass, Mrs. Mabel B. Waters, C. B. Kennedy, E. P. Blanton, Mrs. Mamie Kennedy, Geo. W. Swinson, H. S. Brown, J. R. Waters, Leslie L. Ma-

Elizabeth Albritton Herring, W. H. Knowles, P. Ralph Hanchey, Ezra Moore, D. L. Cherry, Mrs. Lola May Owens, Robert Sheffield, James Wells, L. L. Flowers, Sam Jones, Arlie Goodson, Eusebius W. Johnson, James Sullivan, George W. Houston, Miss Ruth O. Smith, W. V. Swinson, Mrs. D. H. McCullen, Roy Kennedy, Gibson S. Carr, Alvin Smith, C. H. Smith, Paul Outlaw, and G. C. Sloan.

Nine Townships Receive Notices

Tax Supervisor states that letters advising real property owners of their 1947 tax values have been mailed for nine townships. Other townships will be put in the mail by the middle of next week.

Better Farming Elect Officers

Duplin County set the stage for participating in the 1947 "Better Farming For Better Living" Program by organizing officials at its Council meeting held in the Agricultural Building, in Kenansville on Thursday, March 13. Mr. Aubrey Cavanaugh, of Warsaw, was selected as Chairman of the Council, and M. F. Allen, of Kenansville, was selected as Secretary.

Other members of the Duplin County Council are: Miss Eleanor Chestnut, Home Economics Teacher, Wallace; Garland King, of Production Credit Association, Kenansville; L. W. Outlaw, President of Duplin County Farm Bureau, Seven Springs; George Penny, Soil Conservation Service, Kenansville; M. F. Bostic, Vocational Agricultural Teacher, Rose Hill; J. R. Grady, Editor Duplin Times, Kenansville; George Weaver, Editor of Wallace Enterprise, Wallace; Mrs. David Williams, Home Demonstration Club, Rose Hill; Mrs. Jackie Wells, Home Demonstration Club, Teachey; Mrs. Russell Whitfield, Home Demonstration Club, Mt. Olive; D. H. Patterson, Wallace Lions Club; D. S. Williamson, Kenansville Lions Club; W. C. Blackmore, Farm and Home Administration, Warsaw; O. P. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, Kenansville; Stacy Evans, President Duplin County Older Youth Club, Magnolia; Hilda L. Cline, Home Demonstration Agent, Kenansville; L. L. Flowers, Farmer, Calypso; L. F. Weeks, County Agent, Kenansville.

In addition to the above, representatives are yet to be named from the Faison Lions Club, Rose Hill Civitan Club, and the Pink Hill Farmers Club.

Those present at the meeting agreed to raise a budget of \$100 for County Winners in the Better Farming For Better Living contest. \$25 will be given as first; \$20 as second; \$15 as third; \$10 as fourth; and \$5 each to the next 6 winners. Any farm family in Duplin County may enter this contest by enrolling not later than April 30. A person may enroll in the County Extension Office, in Kenansville; with any of the Vocational Teachers in the county; the Soil Conservation Office; or Farm and Home Administration Office, in Warsaw.

The Better Farming For Better Living Program is a contest in which farm families in Duplin may enroll. The same principles and practices that have been recommended by the State Agriculture Experiment Station and other Agricultural Agencies are included in this program. The Better Farming for Better Living Program encourages farm families to participate in community activities, Home Demonstration clubs, Farmers Clubs, Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics, and 4-H clubs for children. They are also urged to provide adequate farm produce; poultry, meat, milk, and vegetables, to feed the family on a high nutritional level. Improvements that will mean greater efficiency in the farming standards are suggested, and better care of the land is urged by making a better farm plan that will provide most efficient use of cropland, pasture, and woodland. One phase of the program deals with diversification that may increase the farm income and provide for income throughout the year.

The Tide Water Power Company through its Agricultural Agent, is offering \$25 of the prize money in each of the 13 counties in which this contest is offered. The project books will also be supplied by this company.

The Senior Class of the R. F. Grady school will sponsor a dance in the gymnasium there Saturday night, March 29th. The dance will begin at 8 o'clock. Admissions 75c.

C - Andrews - Faison.
G - Herring - Rose Hill.
G - Carr - Magnolia.

2nd Team:
Futrell, Chinquapin - Brown, Rose Hill - Grubbs, Calypso - Criss, Calypso - Carter, Grady - Pickett, Chinquapin.

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