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# Duplin Times

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## Britt Calls For Second Primary, Legislature

### Olive Leads Umstead In County; Umstead Elected N.C.s. Next Gov.

**By J. R. GRADY**  
5,384 Democrats and eleven Republicans went to the Duplin polls last Saturday for the biennial primary elections. The day was marked with few incidents and on the whole was reported county-wide as one of the quietest elections seen in Duplin in a number of years. Evidence of money floating around were at a minimum and less drinking was noticed. Conspicuously noticeable to those who were present Saturday night and those present two years ago was the attitude and actions of the crowd that packed the court room during and after election returns were all in from the twenty Duplin precincts. Two years ago there was much evidence of drinking and slightly intoxicated victorious candidates making speeches and celebrating in general. Even then one of the notorious bootleggers of the county made his appearance in the court room and was immediately taken in by one of the victors. Last Saturday night the picture was a complete reverse. The crowd was large but cool, somewhat serious, but jovial, and the writer only spotted one person who appeared intoxicated and he was so quiet he was hardly noticed. In mentioning this phase of the two nights the writer is trying to emphasize that of all the times in the life of our governmental activities election time is the one when everyone should participate and should do so with a clear and sober mind. The ballot cast by each voter is one of the most solemn actions of his lifetime and his attitude towards such an action is going to determine the kind of government this country will have tomorrow. It will determine the kind of society they will live in and the kind of people our children will be in the days ahead. As we are wont to prophesy by the proverbial "handwriting on the wall" and elections are definitely that handwriting that can be plainly seen.

### Jack Sitterson Of Kenansville Appointed Local Agent For Farm Bureau Insurance



JACK SITTERSON

### Fish Fry To Be Wednesday June 11

The Magnolia Lion's Club is sponsoring a fish fry to be held at Carlton's Fish Pond, located near Carlton's Crossing, between Masopola and Warsaw, on Wednesday night, June 11. Come and enjoy a meal, all you can eat for \$1.00.

### Cat Furl

One day recently a Minshaw tax heard a noise in the motor when he cranked his car. When he raised the hood to investigate he found a cat in the belt between the fan and motor. There was blood and cat hair all over everything. Mr. Minshaw thinks the cat climbed in the motor to get warm. Even though the cat put up a good fight Mr. Minshaw was able to rescue him.

### Junior Base Ball Team Loses Opener

The Warsaw American Legion Baseball club played its first game of the season on Saturday night at the local ball park. Opponents for the evening was Wilmington. The admittance was free but a collection was taken at the gate. This was an exhibition game and a return game with the same team will be played in Wilmington on Monday night. The final score was 15 to 1 in favor of the Wilmington team.

Morehead City—The Carolina Racing Association is now operating in its fifth season. It was North Carolina's first dog track.

### "Vignette" Makes North Carolina Girl A National Champion

The old axiom about trying again when you don't succeed the first time proved to be what Doris Ann Hall of Hudson, North Carolina needed to win the National Spelling Bee, and the \$500.00 cash award plus a free trip to New York that the Scripps-Howard newspapers give each year. When she was twelve, she had worked her way up to the finals. Then with thirty other contestants still left, she missed the word "condign". But she was determined to try again—and she made up her mind she was going to win. So she began intensive training last November. She got her

teacher to excuse her from some of her class work in the eighth grade—she is a straight "A" student. Then she began reading Webster's Collegiate Dictionary at the rate of fifty pages a day. As soon as she had finished, she began again, making lists of all the words. Continued on Back Page (Sec. 1)

### Square Dancers Enjoying Friday Night At Lake Tut



A group of square dancers enjoying a set at Lake Tut, popular recreational resort in Duplin County, near its artificial opening. A square dance is held every Friday night with music by Donald Jones and Dixie Paul. On Saturday nights, there is a round dance to the music of Skeeter Williams.

Jack Sitterson, Kenansville, has been appointed a local agent for the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, according to W. A. White, vice president in charge of sales. White said Sitterson will work under L. R. George, Burgaw, district manager in Duplin, Pender and Sampson counties. Sitterson is joining an agency force numbering more than 3000 men and women operating in 12 states and the District of Columbia. He represents the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the Farm Bureau Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, with home offices in Columbus, Ohio.

**Many Applications For Ranger's Job**  
The Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Joe Herlevich, District Forester at Whiteville listing the following names of prospective applicants for County Forest Ranger: Lloyd H. Kennedy, Jack Brinson, James Albertson, Eugene C. Wells, Leland H. Sheffield, Perry Smith, Wilbert Jones, Jack Albertson, Albert Lanier, and Woodrow Maready.

**Sheriff Office Has Busy Week-End**  
Sheriff Ralph Miller's office has been busy in June. On the first, Deputies W. O. Houston and Oliver Horne, discovered a cache of non-tax paid whiskey in Glisson Township about 50 yards from Adam Springs Church. They arrested Moser Wallace for possessing five gallons and one quart of the contraband for the purpose of selling it. He was tried in the June term of the County Court and sentenced to twelve months in jail. He appealed to the superior court.

On June third, Chief Deputy W. D. Boone accompanied by Deputies W. O. Houston and J. F. Futrell, raided a still in Glisson Township about 4 o'clock in the evening. The whereabouts of the still was reported to the Sheriff's office. It was a copper still of one barrel capacity near Doc Herring's store. The deputies also found six barrels of moonshine. They smashed the still and turned out the mash.

Deputies W. O. Houston and Oliver Horne arrested Roy Anderson on the same afternoon near Gosden Store on a charge. He had a jar of moonshine on him. He was tried in the J. P. Court and bound over to County Court.

### Herring And Williams In Double Assault Case In Glisson Township

In a brawl that has several aspects of the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud, two men from Glisson township exchanged blows late Saturday night or early Sunday morning—using the same weapon, an iron jack handle. David Williams alleged that Coy Herring hit him with the weapon in the head, injuring him so severely that he had to be admitted to the hospital for treatment, and several stitches had to be taken in his head. Coy Williams alleged that he had been hit in the head, knocked unconscious, and had sustained serious body wounds. Deputies W. O. Houston and Oliver Horne found Herring in a semi-conscious state

### Sheriff Miller Asks Commissioners For Inventory Of Whiskey

At the first Monday meeting of the Board of County Commissioners this week, Sheriff Ralph Miller went before the Board and asked that they make with him a complete inventory of all the whiskey held in evidence or seized in raids and contained in the locker behind the judge's chamber. He asked them to direct him as to its proper disposal. He further requested that a thorough inspection of all the closets in the courthouse



**PAUL INGRAM**  
Paul Ingram was elected president of the Lion's Club at the meeting Wednesday night. The other officers are 1st V. P., D. W. Reynolds; 2nd V. P., Andrew Scott; 3rd V. P., Roy Sitterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Laurie Sharpe; Lion Tamer, D. H. McKay; Tall Twister, A. C. Holland; Directors, Ivey Bowden, W. L. McPhail, Z. W. Frazelle.

**Bill Vann New Lions President In Warsaw**  
Bill Vann of Warsaw was elected President of the local Lions club at the meeting held on Tuesday night. Other officers elected at the same time are Milton J. West—First vice president, D. L. Mathis—Second vice president, Woodrow Blackburn—Second vice president.

D. E. Stencil was elected as secretary. Herbert Nelmyer received the Tall Twister post and Earl Whitaker was elected Lion Tamer. Members of the Board of Directors are G. S. Best, E. B. Paul, A. W. McNeil, Ed Strickland and Felton House. Installation ceremonies will be conducted at the last meeting of the Lions Club in June.

and took him to the Memorial General Hospital in Kinston. His condition is improving but there is a possibility that his arm may have been fractured by the jack handle. David Williams was arrested Sunday night and is now out on bond. The deputies served the other warrant on Herring in the hospital.

ed that approximately ten gallons was there, mostly of the non-tax paid variety, or about fifty fifths. It was inventoried and then poured down the drain outside the courthouse. All whiskey seized since the new sheriff has taken office has been inventoried and poured down the drain as well. All of the closets in the courthouse have been cleaned out now, and the contents hauled away in a dump truck.

### Letters From Our Many Readers

Bob,  
I could and did read all, especially the \$4.00. I'm enclosing check for same.  
It's a damnable shame, but I have to depend on Aunt Vevie in South Dakota for most of my Duplin County news. Some day I hope I can go back to Duplin and finish my career as a teacher. I don't suppose anyone ever chose a career for which he was anymore unqualified temperamentally than I. But I love it, and these folks here at Stanhope have put up with me for nineteen years.  
I'm looking forward to reading your paper again. Please keep it Bob-like. Don't let it go stereotyped as our local Spring Hope Enterprise has done.  
Best wishes,  
Mary Holt Richardson  
May 28, 1952

Mr. J. Robert Grady, Editor  
The Duplin Times  
Kenansville, North Carolina  
Dear Mr. Grady:  
I want to congratulate you on the long article in "The Times" for May 8, 1952, entitled "Nick Tarkenton". I especially enjoyed that "Vignette" and "Square Dancers". I did not want you to print the story. When I heard what Charlie Nicholson said last summer, I thought that the account sounded forced and that behind it many corrupt and dishonest people of Duplin County were probably hiding. You

### If There's Smoke, There's Fire

It wasn't a particularly hot election as elections go in the Kenansville Courthouse. The campaign had been quiet rather than heated. But something caused a fire in the courthouse anyway. During the afternoon, smoke was observed coming from a closet on the main floor. Curran Powell, deputy, opening the closet to put out the fire, discovered that even the courthouse closets sometimes have skeletons. In the back of the closet, concealed behind the janitor's supplies, two gallons of non-tax paid whiskey were found. It did not seem to be of sufficient quality to have started a fire spontaneously. But no one has yet claimed ownership of the highly volatile liquid, nor does anyone admit knowing how it got there or why or when. It was smoked out, you might say, and that's another courthouse closet that has been spring cleaned.

### Chief Earl Whitaker

Chief Earl Whitaker, formerly of the State Highway Patrol and at present owner and operator of Whitaker's Restaurant in Warsaw has been named Chief of Police in Wallace. He took over his duties on June 2nd. He succeeds Chief Boone who leaves his Wallace post to become Deputy Sheriff of Duplin County.

**Infant Outlaw**  
Pattie Jo Outlaw, one-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon K. Outlaw of Outlaw's Bridge, died late Saturday afternoon at the Henderson-Crumpler Clinic in Mt. Olive. Surviving are the parents, three brothers, Donald K., Michael and Ivey Gordon Outlaw, all of the house; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Jr., of Goldsboro, and Miss Elsie Jean Outlaw of the home. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. L. C. Prater, pastor of the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church, officiating, and burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

### Muskrats Delay Opening Of Lake Tut

L. Bernard Tut' Fussell of Wallace and owner of the recreational resort center, Lake Tut located near Rose Hill said that he believed that muskrats were the cause of a leak in the dam at the lake last week. He said that a corn field was pushed up to form the dam and that many roasting ears imbedded in the dam were probably the object of the muskrats' intentions of their burrowing for them that caused the break.

Tut' Fussell said that a leak of about 200 gallons of water per minute had been noticed for several weeks but it began to get worse last week. The clay was so hard in the area that was dynamited on Wednesday, in an effort to stop the leak, that it would not be sealed.

On Thursday sandbags were placed at the base of the dam and later sales of hay were used in an attempt to stop the leak. A 12 foot wide section of the dam caved in late Thursday afternoon and gradually grew larger as most of the lake's 8,000,000 gallons of water drained out. It will require about a week for the dam to be fixed and the lake filled, Mr. Fussell believes. A much larger pump will have to be installed. One which will be capable of turning about 600 gallons of water a minute into the lake. Two of these are on order, Fussell said. Fussell said that losing the water would prove a fine thing in the long run because it will give them a chance to place a more course white sand along the bottom of the lake and also give them a chance to clean out all sediment and trash water to be run in. The lake has already begun to serve meals, sandwiches, and hot dogs and is booked for several meals for parties this week. A parking lot is now under construction and who completed will hold about 175 cars. Official opening of the lake will be announced at a later date.

### Jaycees Sponsor Dance To Open Warsaw Produce Market Saturday

### Warsaw Youth Center Opens; Recreation For Warsaw And Nearby Communities

A Warsaw Youth center sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Warsaw opened on Tuesday. The Youth Center is being conducted at the Legion Home and is open from 8 until 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Plans are to continue the Youth center through the month of August. Ping pong, music for dancing, and soft drinks are provided. The auxiliary feels that the center is an urgent need of the community and extends an invitation to all the young people of Warsaw and the adjoining communities to come out and make Warsaw your recreation center. Suitable chaperonage will be provided during these hours.

### Two Warsaw Stores Robbed

Two stores in Warsaw were forcibly entered between midnight and dawn today, June 5. The T & S Grocery Store was entered through a side door, and the cooler was raided and a large ham stolen. The cash register was completely demolished. Thieves also forced their way into the R. T. Blackburn Store and took over \$200 in money and checks. There are no clues at press time.

### Memorial Service For Ensign E. E. McLane

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 2 o'clock in Sanford, Florida for Eugene Eloise McLane, Ensign, United States Navy, Jacksonville, Florida, who was killed in a plane crash about 200 miles out at sea, off the coast of Florida on May 28, 1952. Ensign McLane and Gayle Gaylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gaylor of Jacksonville, N. C., were married August 26, 1951. Ensign and Mrs. McLane were residing at DeLand, Florida at the time of his death.

### Mrs. Nancy Thigpen

Mrs. Nancy Thigpen, 65, died Sunday at 10:50 p. m. at her home in the Potters Hill Community after two weeks illness with heart trouble. Surviving are her husband William A. Thigpen, two sons, Lee of Pink Hill, Route 2, Beattie of Beaulieu, one daughter, Mrs. F. D. Hall of Pink Hill, Route 2, one brother, Carris Taylor of Pink Hill; one sister, Mrs. Q. L. Quinn of Pink Hill Route 1, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held from Limestone Adventist Christian Church of which Mrs. Thigpen was a member, Tuesday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, a former pastor now of Wilmington, officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

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The third annual dance to celebrate the official opening of the Warsaw Produce Market will be held at the Market Saturday night at eight. Music will be furnished by the Pope Brothers and the Sun Valley boys who broadcast from Smithfield. The dance is sponsored by that wide-awake and progressive group of young men, the Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce. Saturday will be farmer's day in Warsaw, and the merchants have cooperated to make this occasion a big one.

The produce market itself was opened four years ago by the Warsaw Jaycees who built and managed it. The first year was rather rough going. The next year the market was leased to O. S. Carroll, L. J. Powell and Mitchell Britt, and the volume of business more than doubled. The Jaycees still have an interest in the market and share in its profits.

Some vegetables have already been sold—mostly cozzell squash and some fava beans. The squash is packed in half-bushel baskets. The fava beans which are something like lima's, but bigger with the eye at the bottom of the bean are delicious, and are highly prized by some of my Italian friends as a delicacy. This crop is the first commercial crop grown in North Carolina. Mitchell Britt told me that he has three acres of them, and I believe that Mr. Carroll has some too.

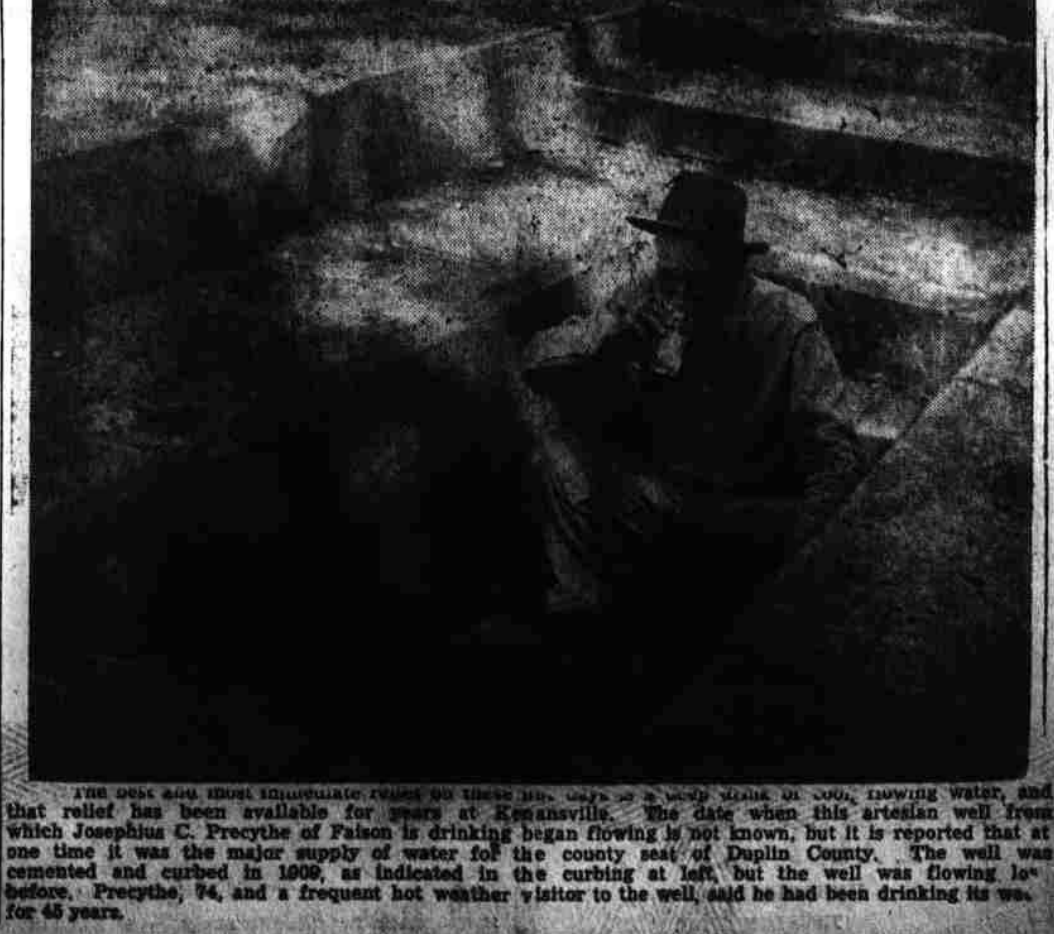
They are almost entirely impervious to frost, and should prove a great boon to farmers in Duplin County — they are firm and ship well. Albert Hanadaga, head of the State test farm at Faison recommended the beans and wanted Mitchell Britt and O. S. Carroll to grow this crop as an experiment. The market handles cucumbers, peppers and egg plant as well as the squash and beans. The length of the season is from eight to ten weeks.

The festivities are all free — the dance at the produce market at eight o'clock as well as the band concert at the American Legion Hall Saturday afternoon at 4:30. And the Jaycees will even serve free refreshments at the concert, too—soft drinks and naps, and all kinds of things.

If you don't know Warsaw very well, it's time you did. I hope to have a feature on this town soon which grew with the advent of the railroad — and used to be called Duplin Depot. Farmer's Day should be lots of fun for everyone. Why don't you come and bring all the family? —The roving reporter.

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### It's Cool And Refreshing In Kenansville



THE WELL AND FOUNTAIN... that relief has been available for years at Kenansville. The date when this artesian well from which Josephus C. Precythe of Faison is drinking began flowing is not known, but it is reported that one time it was the major supply of water for the county seat of Duplin County. The well was cemented and curbed in 1909, as indicated in the curbing at left, but the well was flowing before. Precythe, 74, and a frequent hot weather visitor to the well, said he had been drinking its water for 45 years.