

Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

Portraits of Duplin leaders hang in the Duplin County Courthouse. However, today's citizens know little about the leaders from the 1800s. Biographical sketches of these men were published in the 1930s to update Duplin citizens on their founding fathers.

The nine portraits were commissioned by Duplin government officials during the early 1900s and most of the paintings were done by Faison artist Mary Lyde Hicks Williams. The portraits are of Thomas Stephen Kenan, James Menzies Sprunt, Benjamin Franklin Grady, John Miller Faison, Stephen Miller, William Anderson Allen, John Dickson Stanford, William James Houston and John Nicholas Stalling.

Biographical sketches of these men were originally compiled by A.T. Outlaw while serving as Duplin Register of Deeds and published in the Sept. 16, 1937 edition of THE DUPLIN TIMES. Historical briefs of Thomas Stephen Kenan, James Menzies Sprunt and Benjamin Franklin Grady appeared in last week's Along the Way.

John Miller Faison was born near Faison, April 17, 1862. Faison received his early education in Duplin at the Faison Male Academy and continued to study at Davidson College, where he graduated. Faison studied medicine at the University of Virginia and completed a postgraduate medical course at New York Polyclinic in 1885. Upon his graduation in 1885, Faison began a medical practice in his native community. As a rural doctor, Faison did most of his work in homes on farms. And, the young doctor took an active part in all questions concerning public welfare, serving as a member of the Duplin and State Democratic executive committees. Faison also served the local community as a member of the Board of Duplin County Commissioners from 1906 to 1910. During 1910, Faison was elected to the Third Congressional District seat. The doctor served as Congressman from March 4, 1911 until March 3, 1915, when he returned to practice medicine and died shortly afterward, on April 21, 1915.

Stephen Miller was born near Miller's Bridge in

Duplin County, Nov. 15, 1793 or 1795. Miller received a good law education and excelled in the profession. As a leader, Miller represented Duplin County in the State House of Commons during the years 1823, 1824, 1825 and in the State Senate, 1826, 1818, 1829, 1830 and 1831. He was the author of an act to establish the old Bethel Academy and served as one of the original trustees of that institution, and also as a trustee of the Hannah Moore Academy. Both of the educational institutions were located in the Duplin community where Miller was born and lived. Miller served several years around 1833 as State Solicitor of the Second Judicial Circuit, which then included several eastern North Carolina counties. As an officer, Miller rose to the rank of General during his service in the state militia and his tomb bears the military title. Miller died while visiting his brother in Tallahassee, Florida, March 15, 1841. He was buried in Florida.

William Anderson Allen was born in Wake County, April 29, 1825. Allen completed his education and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar. After representing Wake County in the State House of Commons, Allen located in Duplin County to practice law during 1858. While in Duplin he served as Solicitor in the county court and as a presidential elector in 1860. When the Civil War began, Allen joined the ranks of the Confederacy where he served as Captain of Company C, Lieutenant Colonel and as Colonel in the 51st North Carolina Regiment. After the War, Allen resumed his Duplin law practice. Allen served as a member of the State Constitution Convention of 1865 and represented Duplin County as a member of the State Senate in the years 1868, 1870 and 1872. Several years later, about 1880, Allen moved his law practice to Goldsboro where he continued his work until his death in 1884.

The biographical sketches of the remaining three men, John Dickson Stanford, William James Houston and John Nicholas Stalling, will appear in next week's Along the Way.



RECEIVES AWARD - U.S. Rep. Charlie Whitley (r) receives the Guardian of Small Business award from Wilson S. Johnson, president of the National Federation of Independent Business. The award is made to members of Congress who consistently vote for legislation beneficial to small business.

West Duplin Academy Country Store, Auction & Barbecue

Barbecue lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 6th when the West Duplin Christian Academy sponsor their country store, auction, and lunch and supper on November 6. Dinner will be served from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Plates will be \$3 and will be served with slaw, potato salad, hush puppies, tea and dessert.

The Country Store will open at 10 a.m. and will consist of a Candy Shop with homemade candies, candied apples, popcorn balls, etc. A Bake Shop will feature homemade cakes and pies. There will also be arts and crafts, dry goods, notions, Christmas gifts and many handmade Christmas ornaments available. A Garden Center will feature hanging baskets, potted plants and shrubbery. The Country Cupboard will feature home canned vegetables, jams, jellies, pickles, etc.

Hot dogs and other refreshments will be served

throughout the day and the auction will begin at 5 p.m.

You are urged to eat, browse around, and register for the \$50 door prize.

West Duplin Christian Academy is located on Highway 24 between Warsaw and Kenansville.

Fall Bazaar At Guardian Care

The residents at Guardian Care Nursing Home will be holding their annual fall bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 23rd from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the nursing home. Residents have made baskets, Christmas ornaments, change purses, belts and many other craft items to be sold. Proceeds are put to use by the residents in the activity department.

You are asked to make plans to attend and do some early Christmas shopping.

Textile Week

A burst of activities in textile communities all across North Carolina on October 18th initiated the

third annual Textile Week observance.

Open houses, plant tours, school programs and Textile Week proclamations will occur through Sunday, Oct. 24. Included will be the Textile Bowl football game in Raleigh between N.C. State University and Clemson.

"With the theme 'Textiles: Touching Our Lives Totally' this year," said N.C. Textile Manufacturers Association President Arthur L. Jackson of Fieldcrest Mills, "each textile plant or group of plants designed activities to best promote the industry and emphasize its importance to that community and to the State."

"Events will differ," he pointed out, "such as one community will concentrate on textile displays in shopping malls while another town will focus on textile projects in the schools. And some companies will do both."

As a prelude to Textile Week a fashion show will be held in Maiden on Oct. 14 and included an appearance

by U.S. Rep. James T. Broyhill. Oct. 18 a Bloodmobile was conducted in Tarboro. Another outstanding event was a doff-box derby in Gastonia Oct. 19 that featured textile executives racing in modified doff boxes.

In addition, some textile and allied industry employees will wear t-shirts bearing the Textile Week logo. Similar graphics will be seen on bumper stickers and billboards across the state. Supporting these materials will be newspaper ads and radio and television spot announcements about Textile Week.

Organizational Change At National Spinning

Wayne Oestreich has been promoted to a group vice president of National Spinning Co., Inc. In addition to his current responsibilities for quality assurance at all plants, he is assuming overall management responsibilities for the open-end spinning plants.

Reporting to Wayne will be: Fred Archer, plant manager at Beulaville; Buford Hutchins, plant manager at Warsaw; Ben Ellenberg, personnel manager at Beulaville and Warsaw; and Gene Schwartz, technical services/development manager for open end products.

Wayne will continue to locate in Washington, NC reporting to H.C. (Buster) Humphreys Jr., corporate vice president of manufacturing.

Oestreich is a graduate of N.C. State University with a B.S. degree. He joined National Spinning in 1969 after serving with the U.S. Army for two years where he attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant. With NS for the last 12 years, he has performed many staff and production duties including plant manager of Beulaville and Washington yarn plants. He and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Beth and Mandy, and reside in the Smallwood section of Washington.

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