

Berry Festival Opens Monday 11 A. M.

Wallace And Duplin County Plan Largest Event Of Kind Ever Held In North Carolina

(Special to The TIMES)
Wallace, May 30th.—As the TIMES goes to press complete arrangements for Duplin County's biggest festival event will be practically completed. Wallace and vicinity have spared nothing to make the annual Strawberry Festival the biggest thing of its kind in Eastern Carolina. J. A. Harrell, Mayor of Wallace, and the one individual who is mostly responsible for the event, is very optimistic on the eve of opening. Mr. Harrell and other officials have invited a long list of prominent men and women in the State and from other states to attend the festival and many of them have accepted the invitation. Governor Ehringhaus and United States Ambassador Josephus Daniels expressed their desire to attend but previous engagements make it impossible.

The show, as some will call it, is the talk of Eastern Carolina today. The show is something that every citizen in Duplin County is interested in because it is a county festival and not just a Wallace event. The planning, organizing, etc. of the program has been accomplished only through the cooperation of Duplin's leading citizens from every section of the county. Duplin is justly proud of its strawberry section and its festival in particular as it is almost certain that Wallace will be declared the largest strawberry market in the world when the present crop is all marketed.

Among the features of the festival will be a nationally known and popular orchestra.

Thirty beautiful young ladies who will be selected from this section of the state to participate in all the festivities in pirate costume. This alone will be sufficient to delight many thousands expected to attend.

Inasmuch as original plans have been far exceeded, it has been found necessary to add to the exposition proper by placing a large circus tent on an adjacent lot. Further it has been decided to enlarge the dance floor to take care of approximately five hundred couples. The dance hall will be profusely decorated as a Japanese garden.

Two blocks of the city will be decorated and electrically illuminated in many colors. Display space for exhibits and booths are going at a premium due to the limited space available and several crews of men are at the present time erecting mammoth and gorgeous displays for the show.

Every night will be packed full of high class entertainment. Many acts of national and international importance have been booked for the attractions. The committee was very fortunate in securing the services of the Wigham Troupe and such other acts as the Flying Atwoods. Others equally as important have been booked with additional features being arranged for daily.

Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock has been set for the official opening with speakers of note scheduled to be on hand. On Tuesday night the fashion show will be held with arrangements practically complete for securing a display of the most gorgeous wearing apparel ever seen in this section. Local merchants with the New York agencies to secure the best that can be secured for this display. The candidates in the Queen's contest will act as models for this event.

The big feature on Wednesday night will be the better baby contest when the future generation will compete for honors.

Thursday night will be the Queen's election night with the contestant receiving the largest number of popular votes being inaugurated Queen. The second highest will be first maid of honor, third highest second maid of honor and fourth third maid of honor. History in this contest is very keen and without a doubt this night will

Proclamation For National Better Housing Day, June 15.

By The Mayor of Kenansville
WHEREAS, the home is of supreme importance as the basis of our community life, constituting, as it does, an essential factor in the health and happiness of both present and future generations; and
WHEREAS, the Duplin County Better Housing Program is helping our citizens to build new homes and to modernize homes which they now own—thus putting men back to work, and contributing in a concrete way to industrial and business recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jas. E. Jerritt, Mayor of Kenansville do set aside and appoint Saturday, the fifteenth day of June, 1935, to be known as National Better Housing Day; and I call upon all citizens to join with citizens of other communities throughout the land in making the day with appropriate observances, in order that the benefits of the Better Housing Program may be brought to a still greater number of our people.

JAS. E. JERRITT

New Roof On The Court House About Complete

The removing of the old slate and the recovering with tin on the roof of the Court House has been progressing rapidly and workmen think that most of the work will be done this week. The new roof is of a heavy grade of tin and will be painted right away. All new valleys were put in and the roof ought to give satisfactory service for several decades. All of the slate and rubbish has been removed from the court house yard.

Kenansville Well In Good Condition

The Town Board of Commissioners of Kenansville at their meeting on Friday examined and accepted the well as being fully repaired from the recent cave and insured against another caving by lowering enough additional pipe into the well to cover the whole of the nearly 200 ft depth. The well has been out of use since caving about two months ago and it was necessary to redrill the well and put in the pipe necessary to prevent another cave. The water flow is as good as ever and the engineers feel that all causes of trouble have been eliminated.

MR. WELLS AT MONTREAT

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Wells left today for Montreat, N. C., where Mr. Wells will serve as a commissioner to the meeting of the General Assembly which meets there May 30. Mr. Wells is one of the six men who will represent Wilmington Presbytery in this meeting. He is planning to stay through the entire meeting which will close about the middle of next week.

Mr. Wells was granted a leave of absence from his office in the court house where he serves the county as clerk of the court. During his absence the office work will be carried on by his secretaries Misses Anna Carr and Dorothy Wells.

To Elect Welfare And Health Heads Monday

The County Boards of Education and Commissioners will meet in a joint session Monday for the purpose of electing a Welfare Officer and Health Department head for Duplin County.

Health Superlatives Selected From Group

Miss Ruth Byrd, of Kenansville, health queen of Duplin county and Charles Southerland, of Mayville, health king of Duplin county were selected Monday, May 27 as the group winners in health contests for 12 counties held at the county health department in Lumberton. It is announced by Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district home agent.

Physical examinations of the county kings and queens in the group were made by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, assisted by Miss Marie Meares, county health nurse and Mrs. W. B. Ivey.

Miss Hester Swinson, Pink Hill, Duplin county 95; Myrtle Nye, St. Pauls, Robeson county 94; Louise Lindsey, 71st Club, Cumberland county 93; Minnie Cain, White Oak, Bladen county 91; Pauline Ward, Regan Club, Brunswick county 89; Elizabeth Morris, Wilmington, New Hanover county, 89, 1-2; Annie Laurie King, Halls, Sampson county 81; Marie Cooper, Longwood, Brunswick county 78.

Community Picnic

The Community Picnic, sponsored by the Men and Pop Club of Kenansville, will be held at Southerland's spring Monday evening beginning at 5:00. Every person in the town is asked to join the picnic crowd, bring lunch and have a good time. The lunch will be spread on the big hill top and there will be boys and girls there to ascend and descend the hill for fresh cool water for those who will be unable to make that grade. Each parent is asked to be sure and bring all the children.

Will be looking for you.

School Teachers Return To Kenansville

The young ladies of the teaching profession who are residents of Kenansville are returning to their homes here for the summer vacation. Miss Margaret Jones, Miss Ruth Ingram and Miss Mary Edna Dobson have returned to their homes here.

College students are beginning to arrive. Vance Gavin and Jim Penney are both eating at the old home table again.

Tuberculosis Clinic Reveals 7 New Cases

Dr. H. L. Seay, chief specialist of the State Sanatorium, who is conducting free tuberculosis clinics for adults throughout Duplin County, made the following report through Tuesday. Eighty-seven patients have been examined. Sixty white and twenty-seven colored, seven new cases of tuberculosis have been diagnosed. Four white and three colored, one of which is in the far-advanced stages of tuberculosis. Four old cases have been checked on.

It was through the cooperation of the Health Department with the Extension Division of the State Sanatorium that these clinics were made possible, therefore, our Health Officer, Dr. White, has urged each and every one suspected of having tuberculosis to make appointments for examination.

CORRECTION

Last week the TIMES stated that the County Board of Education would meet again on June 3rd. We are glad to correct this statement and advise that the Board will meet next on the first Monday in July. The Board meets on first Mondays in July, October, January and April unless otherwise called for a special meeting by the Chairman.

HOLC Applies Rigid Eligibility Tests To Applicants For Loans

Dealing with the amendment to the Home Owners' Loan Act, signed today by President Roosevelt, which permits the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, for a period of 30 days, to accept new loan applications, John H. Fahey, Chairman of the Corporation, today issued the following statement, emphasizing that such applications will be accepted only from home owners who are clearly in distress, and are threatened with the loss of their homes through foreclosure:

"The same tests of eligibility of HOLC applicants which have applied in the past will in general continue in full force under this new legislation. The Corporation intends to make every effort to assist home owners who are in genuine financial difficulty, but it will be forced to reject every application which is not clearly eligible. "No home owner should apply for a loan until he has first made certain that his application will be eligible under the Corporation's restrictions. He should realize that the rejection of an ineligible application, on grounds of deliberate default on existing debts, is likely to cause the home owner the loss of his property, because of the unwillingness of his present mortgagee to carry the loan following such default.

"Largely as a result of more than 2 1/2 billion dollars in bonds already disbursed to them by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, lending institutions are in a far stronger position today than they were a year ago. They are well able to recast and carry reasonably sound mortgage loans instead of seeking or even encouraging such borrowers to make application to this Corporation.

"The tests of eligibility are as follows:

1. The applicant must have been in involuntary default on his home loan on June 13, 1933, and unable to carry or refund his present mortgage, unless it can be shown to the Corporation's satisfaction that a default occurring later can be shown to the Corporation's satisfaction that a default occurring later than June 13, 1933, was the result of unemployment or other misfortune beyond the applicant's control. The Corporation was created to protect honest home owners who are in temporary difficulty, and not for the purpose of saving lenders from the results of their own past mistakes in making excessive loans, or in lending to persons not entitled to credit.
2. The past record of the applicant for integrity is a vital factor. Any applicant will be rejected as ineligible if his general record is unsatisfactory particularly if he has deliberately defaulted on his existing indebtedness and has a record of not paying his bills when he is able to do so.
3. To redeem the home from forced sale or voluntarily surrender, such sale or surrender must have taken place since January 1, 1930.
4. The applicant must be in actual distress with his mortgage indebtedness and threatened with the loss of his home by foreclosure. Applicants who have no present or prospective income of any character, and clearly could not meet the indebtedness, are ineligible unless their notes are also signed by responsible parties.
5. The property must be used by the owner as his home or held by him as his homestead and, as a rule, it must have been his home on June 13, 1933.
6. The home must have a value not exceeding \$20,000.00 as appraised by the Corporation. No loan may be made for amount exceeding \$14,000.00 or 80 per cent of the Corporation's appraisal of the property, whichever is the smaller.
7. Ordinary farm property is not eligible unless the applicant draws his main livelihood from non-farm occupations.
8. No applicant will be granted a loan if such refinancing is intended only to protect a bank loan or other business obligation.
9. The Corporation will not refinance the home of an owner who can continue to carry his present loan.

Roper urges foreign trade meeting to study world's needs.
Henry F. Grady sees recovery aid in foreign trade.

Universalists To Gather Here Next Sunday Commemorating Founding Of Church In South

Kenansville Grants Telephone Franchise

At a meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners of Kenansville on Friday morning a franchise was granted to the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company to build and operate a telephone exchange in the town of Kenansville. The company is planning to branch out into the country in each direction from town and establish county lines to serve the people living in the country. Plans are being made to begin work on the new system in the near future. The latest system of automatic dial phones will be installed with the central at Kenansville and connection with Warsaw with all places in the country.

Teachey News

Thirty five members of the "Teachey Home Makers Club met at its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. G. Farlow. The club was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. L. Wells and the entire club sang, "The Belles of St. Mary." After Mrs. L. E. Wells, lead in prayer the Minutes were read and the roll called.

Under new business the contests to be put on were explained and the District was discussed. A committee was appointed to plan for transportation. Mrs. McSwain gave an interesting demonstration on the care of floors and wood work, after which the leaders gave interesting reports. The hostesses, Mrs. Clyde Fussell, Mrs. H. P. Ennis and Miss Idell Fussell served lemonade and cake. The club adjourned to meet again in June with Mrs. Edgar Wells.

Mesdames Charles Rivenbark, Dennis Brown and Miss Mable Bradshaw visited their sister at High Point last week.

Mr. Glover of Greensboro was in town last week.

Lloyd Farlow of Greensboro is visiting Billy Farlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rouse and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Fred Paston and son, Douglas and Mrs. John Allen of Charlotte were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Rouse last week.

Mr. Tom Ogilvie and daughter, Miss Inez, Mrs. Zimms and Miss Sara Page of Callahan, Florida were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wells last week.

Florida folk mentioned expect to visit Washington, D. C., New York and relatives in Boston, Mass, before returning.

Mr. Moyer McMillan, accompanied by Mrs. Jennings Wilson to Philadelphia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Edward Williams, Misses Annie Thomas Wells and Allene Turner spent Thursday in Wilmington shopping.

Mrs. Elizabeth Turner entertained a few of her friends at a Sewing Party. Those present were: Misses Willie Mae McMillan, Melva and Dot Farlow, Katherine Bland, Mary Jaunita Mallard and Madeline Hearn.

Richard, Jr. and Lucy Earl Rouse spent last week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rouse of Magnolia.

Mrs. Lola Mae McKenzie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Lewis and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McMillan Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Wells and Miss Mary Adeline Wells went to Wilmington shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. Ira Ezzett of Warsaw is visiting her father, Mr. Francis Savage.

Mrs. Jim Ramsey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Usher.

A Financing Plan To Repair And Modernize Your Property

The Duplin County Better Housing Campaign began Monday April 29, with a house-to-house canvass by the following canvassers: Miss Annie Mildred Bizzell, Seven Springs; Mr. David Wilkins, Magnolia; Mr. Waitus Dempsey, Teachey; Mr. Jacob Powell, Wallace; Miss Margaret Rogers, Rose Hill; Mr. Floyd Barnett, Glasson; Mr. R. S. Witherington, Faison; Mrs. E. J. Elwell, Cypress Creek; Mr. Grover C. Rhodes, Warsaw; Miss Elizabeth Hudson, Wolfscrape.

You may apply for a credit to make housing improvements, including built-in equipment, if you can repay in regular installments over a period of from one to five years.

Not only will the Better Housing Campaign help Duplin County to modernize homes, but will employ numbers of people who have no work.

Seventeen Home Demonstration Clubs in Duplin County, with an enrollment of 650 members are cooperating with the Duplin Organization in the promotion of the Better Housing Program.

Office in County Agents Office.
JAS. E. JERRITT, Chairman
Va. Dixon, Secretary.

Local School Board Meets Monday

The Kenansville school board will meet next Monday at 3:00 p. m. and elect teachers for the 1935-36 term. All applications should be sent to Dr. G. V. Gooding, Secretary to the board.

Kenansville Methodist Church Building Sunday School Rooms

The Kenansville Methodist Church broke ground Monday morning for the erection of Sunday School equipment. The building will be a two story structure with rooms on the first floor for beginners Primary and Juniors and the rest of the classes meeting in the upstairs rooms except for the division in the church auditorium.

The new building will be built on the west side of the church building, twelve feet from the present building and extending several feet behind the present church. The new building will be connected to the old with a 8 foot passage which will join about 16 feet from the rear wall of the church on the west side. The new structure will be brick veneer with metal roof and will be 24 feet deep and 32 feet front with a front entrance facing the street.

BITTEN BY COPPER HEAD SNAKE

Jim. J. Bowden of Kenansville was painfully bitten by a Copperhead snake while pulling tobacco plants last Saturday afternoon. The snake was lying in the grass and weeds in the tobacco bed and bit Jim on the middle finger as he was reaching for a plant. The snake struck twice but failed to hit Jim's hand on the second strike. Jim was rushed to the doctor and it was decided that there was not enough poison in his system to make it necessary to take the serum. Jim's arm was swollen to the elbow, and was somewhat uncomfortable but he is able to be at work again.

The Copperhead is a very dangerous snake and bites without warning. He is known in Eastern North Carolina by the names of White Oak, and Pilot. The snake that bit Jim was killed and was about two and one half feet long.

Old ruins are found by air base party in Pacific isles.

The annual meeting of the Universalists of North Carolina will be held in the school auditorium at Kenansville next Sunday. The meeting will be an all day affair and is held each year on the Sunday nearest June 3rd, the anniversary of the founding of Universalism in the South, when the Southern Universalist convention was organized and a Constitution, Salutation to Posterity and a Confession of Faith were adopted. The first annual meeting was held in Kenansville, on June 3rd, 1927 and has been an annual affair here since. The date of the organization of the Universalist Convention was June 3rd, 1827, one hundred and eight years ago on June 3rd, this year.

Featuring the program Sunday will be a Historical address by the Rev. H. L. Canfield, D. D. of Greensboro, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. At 11:30 Rev. Ordell E. Bryant, minister from Clinton will preach on "The Heritage of Universalists." Following the sermon, dinner will be spread on the grounds.

The evening session will be featured by a sermon at 2:30 by the Rev. John T. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Outlaw's Bridge Church. Mr. W. H. Skeels of Rocky Mount will preside over the meeting. Special music will be rendered.

For the following brief sketch of the history of Universalism in North Carolina the TIMES is indebted to Dr. H. L. Canfield of Greensboro:

A Brief Sketch of the History of Universalism in N. Carolina
Whittmore's "Modern History of Universalism" a book published in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1830, records the fact that Universalism was preached in North Carolina as early as 1780. The preachers of that period were John Stanstet, of Johnston County; a man by the name of Tatum, from lower down in the state; D. Martin, in Fairfield District, adjoining Newbury; Giles Chapman, of the same region, and Elijah Lynch. These men seem to have been Dunkers, sometimes called German Baptists, who had thought their way out of the orthodoxy of the time. Lynch bringing his congregation with him into the church of the new Faith. In about 1823, a man by the name of Cole preached in the state for a brief time. In 1825, Abner Kneeland, of Philadelphia visited Wilmington and preached there two months in a Baptist meeting house. On his home trip he passed through the counties of Duplin, Hanover, and Wayne, preaching in each one of them.

The Universalists of Wilmington wishing to have a pastor, wrote to Boston for one, and the Rev. Jacob Frieze, of Rhode Island, was sent to them. A Universalist paper was started, known as the Liberator edited by Mr. Frieze, and after his return north by a layman, Mr. McRae. Mr. Frieze was followed in the pastorate by Rev. A. J. Maurice. The points where meetings were held in the outlying region were, Richland Chapel, North east and Shepherd's Meeting House in Onslow County; Limestone, Union, Nahunga and New Hope meeting houses, in Duplin county; Clinton (Court House) Ten miles and Lisbon meeting houses, in Sampson county; Trenton Court House, in Jones county and Chinquapin Meeting House, in New Hanover, and in other places not named. In 1836, James Parsons preached in the state several months. In 1846, Rev. John Burriss visited the State and preached several months, and the Rev. Hope held regular services for several years. Rev. D. B. Clayton began coming to the state in 1860, preaching and holding debates as opportunity afforded. The Rev. Messrs. C. F. R. Shehane, J. L. C. Griffin, E. H. Lake, E. M. Pingree and James Inman, and Dr. J. B. Dods and Mr. William Ives, (layman) belong to this period.

During the War Between the States, practically all denominational effort was abandoned. At its close, however, services were resumed at several places, and for a

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