

NOSE-EYEING AROUND WITH YE EDITOR

With the county option liquor bill practically passed by the General Assembly the question now arises, how many counties will vote to have liquor? Many predict that it is a foregone conclusion that adjoining counties of Wayne and Pender will vote wet and possibly Sampson, Lenoir and Onslow are already selling legalized liquor.

The bill permits each county to vote on the question, and if carried, to set up A. B. C. stores. Any township, however, opposing such may prevent a store from being set up in its territory except the county seat.

When asked this morning, Chairman J. L. Miller, of the Duplin County Commissioners said it was too early to say when Duplin will vote. The board has not discussed the matter yet. Mr. Miller thinks best not to bring it up until it is finally completed in the legislature.

The question involves many heavy problems that should make every citizen in Duplin County ponder over seriously, calmly and conscientiously. There is always the moral side. Are we going to cast our vote to legalize an evil known to be one of the most dangerous weapons to human society? Will a vote for legalized liquor make the situation any worse than it already is with bootleggers scattered throughout the county and legalized sales on every side of us? Will a dry vote stamp out the traffic and improve conditions as they are? Knowing that adjoining counties sell it, knowing that bootleggers abound in plenty in our midst, knowing that it is manufactured daily in our swamps, and knowing that we are faced with a tremendous increase in tax rate, are we justified in legalizing the traffic in Duplin and reaping the profit instead of letting the bootlegger pocket all? And finally when we come to the bottom of the whole matter can we legislate a moral question? Can we teach temperance when the law forbids the legal use of a thing? Temperance is modified use, not abstinence. We pray you, each and everyone, think hard and soundly on these questions.

Our board of county commissioners met last week with a representative of the State Highway commission and practically demanded some additional equipment for road maintenance. Duplin has been discriminated against in favor of adjoining counties. The members went to Raleigh to take it up with Mr. Waynick and shortly after a hearing was requested by him for an engineer. The engineer, as usual, wanted to satisfy us with promises, but left Kenansville literally with demands and the result:

A letter was received from Chairman Waynick this week stating that Duplin will receive an additional motor grader and light truck and creation of a new road district in the county which would reduce mileage in each of the present existing districts.

Miss Helen Hunt of Magnolia, former teacher in the Calypso schools, has replaced Miss Betty Jenkins in the local tax collectors office.

The B. F. Grady school received a new school bus last week.

Mr. Henry West is expected to

commence work soon on his new home. The sight is being cleared away, located on the Warsaw-Kenansville highway about two miles out of Kenansville.

Stop signs have recently been placed at 3 intersections in Kenansville and autoists who ignore them are subject to arrest. At the intersection of highway 24 and 11 at C. E. Quinn's store signs have been placed approaching the intersection from the court house, from Beulaville and from Pink Hill.

At the intersection of state highway 24 and U. S. 117 in the Southern edge of Kenansville signs have been placed on 117 driving from Tin City towards Warsaw in front of Page's Service Station; leaving the rear of Page's service station traveling towards Wallace and about in front of Brinson's store entering Kenansville from Warsaw. In other words the driver must stop at the three-way intersection in every direction except going from Kenansville to Warsaw, from Kenansville to Tin City and from Tin City to Kenansville. One has also been placed at the intersection where the Kenansville-Chinquapin road intersects the hard surface in front of Birch's service station.

Patrolman Pierce stated that the law will be enforced. Yesterday he made 4 arrests for failure to observe these signs. Frances Larkin of Teschey, Ivey Sutton of Wilmington, Carey L. Jones of Mt. Olive and Wm. Horne of Autreyville were arrested and fined \$5.00.

Getting back to the liquor question we were informed today that 82 gallons of contraband whiskey was hauled into Rose Hill last Sunday during church hour, distributed among possibly 6 bootleggers and by noon of the following day the liquor had all been disposed of and presumably consumed.

We wonder how much of this is going on in every community in Duplin County. Our guess is that the traffic is normally heavy everywhere except in communities near Pink Hill and Richlands. In fact we have been informed that areas near these two are almost cleaned of bootleggers.

Relative to the five county commissioners proposal it has been suggested that as an alternative the three member board as we now have it be continued but that election of members be put on a rotation basis so that only one member be elected every two years. This could easily be done with three but would hardly be practical with five members. As for the DUPLIN TIMES, we suggested prior to the Democratic convention the five commissioner plan, but the rotation idea sounds very good also. The question is which is the better of the two. Five commissioners from five districts would certainly give the county better representation while it would increase the cost of government, and political battles. The three member board on a rotation system would not increase county overhead and would tend to reduce the amount of political activities each election. The battle would be for one commissioner instead of three. The Times believes that the people should have the best representation possible but we realize that there is fac-

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M. G. Mann of Raleigh, General Manager of the State's two largest farm co-operatives, who addressed a meeting of farmers in Wallace Friday, February 12th.

Excerpts From Mr. Manns Address

North Carolina farmers are spending in excess of \$40,000,000 a year for fertilizers - and a sizeable saving could be affected if they would insist upon high analysis plant food of known quality. It costs just as much to fix and transport sand as it does real plant food.

As we read of the increase in farm tenancy in our country, it is interesting to note that in Denmark, where farmers are the most highly organized in the world, farm tenancy has decreased until it is now at a scant 4 per cent. Truly, Denmark points the way.

Farmers should think of themselves as manufacturers. Their capital is the good earth and their equipment; their raw materials are the seeds they plant and the fertilizers and supplies they use; the labor is usually their own and that of the members of their family, and this makes it all the more important that they receive a just price for their finished products.

To pay fancy prices for planting seed is not enough. The wise farmer sees to it that he gets what he pays for by buying only seed of known and adapted origin.

NOTES FROM FARM AGENT

The farmers of Duplin and Sampson Counties shipped two car loads of hogs last week from Warsaw. A total of 27,424 pounds of hogs were shipped to a packing concern in Baltimore. The producers were well pleased with the sale and we have had several requests to continue this cooperative method of marketing hogs. It is our plan to continue this as long as the farmers want it.

That proper thinning of the forest land can be made a valuable project on the farms in Duplin County was demonstrated very clearly by several of the leading farmers last week. Mr. B. H. Page, Assistant Extension Forester, along with the help and fine cooperation of the following farmers and their neighbors, helped us put on six actual thinning demonstrations last week in the county with the following farmers: W. D. Kilpatrick, Rose Hill; B. P. Sumnerlin, Mt. Olive; B. F. Outlaw, Seven Springs; Paul Outlaw, Seven Springs; Lott Kornegay, Warsaw; and J. F. Williams, Warsaw.

A small plot on each farm was actually thinned, the wood cut, piled and measured, and the trees left standing were counted. An average of 18 cords of wood per acre was cut and 650 trees per acre left to produce more wood and timber.

Mr. Joe Wood of Route 2, Wallace, and Mr. O. L. Holland of Kenansville, R. F. D., have made plans to set an acre of Black Locust trees for the purpose of producing fence posts. As far as any records are available, these are the first men ever to start a project of this kind in Duplin County. The trees will come from the State Nursery and will only cost \$3.00 per thousand, which will be enough to set an acre. These men will receive \$5.00 in Soil Building Payments from the 1937 Soil Conservation Program for setting out these trees. We would like very much to see other farmers follow these two leaders in this fine project.

Pines may be secured in the same manner and the same payment will be given in connection with the soil program. For further information you may see your Counsellor. (Continued on back page)

Goldsboro Basket Ball Tourney Dates

GOLDSBORO, Feb. 18 — The Seventh Annual Ten County "Champions of Champions" Basketball Tournament, conducted by the Wayne County Memorial Community Building, will be held the 11th, 12th and 13th of March, in Goldsboro.

This tournament is one of the fastest in Eastern North Carolina. Only the county champions and runner-up of the following counties are eligible to enter: Lenoir, Greene, Johnston, Duplin, Sampson, Jones, Edgecombe, Wilson Pender and Wayne.

If one of the above counties does not send representatives, any county other than those named may be eligible.

The boys' tournament was won by Smithfield, Johnston County, last year and the girls' by Seven Springs, Wayne County. Both of these teams will be back to defend their championships.

Trophies are awarded the winning teams and runnerup. Gold basketball charms are given the players of the winning teams.

Teams interested are requested to communicate with Charles Stephens, Director of the Community Building, Goldsboro, N. C.

Robbers Of Magnolia Bank Escape With Five Other Desperadoes

Seven heavily armed, desperate convicts are still being sought in North Carolina after there sensational escape from Caledonia Prison farm in Halifax County Monday. Included among the seven are Clark York and A. W. Pettit, who were arrested in this county June 12th, 1934 for robbery of the Bank of Magnolia. They were convicted and sentenced in the July term of court in Kenansville. Prior to that time Pettit was connected with a robbery of the Bank of Magnolia, convicted and sentenced to the pen. He escaped later with York and the two robbed the bank. Following that conviction Pettit escaped again but was soon caught. York, a 35 year old Mount Airy man was serving a total of 75 years for murder and robbery and Pettit, of Charleston, S. C. was serving a long term for bank robbery.

Rob. Smith, convicted murderer, C. Frederick Yeager, Norfolk safe-cracker, Ralph Page of Drexel life term, Wm. Payne, High Point, bank robber and J. W. Turner, alias Jack Borden, Marion, robbery.

After pulling guns on guards, locking them into closets, arming themselves heavily with guns and changing clothes, they forced two guards to accompany them, fled from the prison farm in a pick-up truck. They had cut all telephone connections and it was not known until a guard could drive twelve miles to Halifax to send out warnings. The trail led thru Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, Franklin, Johnston, Harnett, Cumberland and Moore counties where it was lost. The two guards were released at Vass in Moore county.

No trace of the convicts had been found as we go to press today.

Other escapers Monday were