



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

OFFICERS ORDERED TO HALT PROSECUTION OF OFFICIALS VIOLATING GAME LAWS HERE

The South Needs Balanced Farming

In a statement made by Guy A. Cardwell, Agricultural and Industrial Agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, one of the great evils of the agricultural south is exposed in these few words:

The South is a land of specialized farming and mixed farming, but not balanced farming.

In areas principally along the Coast we have truck farms and a little farther inland tobacco farms, cotton farms and peanut farms. These farms are cash or money-crop farms even though several crops are grown.

Farmers, being optimists, expect the money-crops to furnish income sufficient to buy everything needed on the farm.

Cash-crops in times of good prices will provide all necessities; but we do not always have high prices, and as a long time proposition cash-crops supplemented by ample food and feed crops and livestock are of greater worth than cash-crops alone, regardless of prices.

When we find our money-crop declines away to pay for goods capable of being produced at home we are paying not only for the commodity but for the services of many outside people as well. This is uneconomical and it is one of the main reasons why farming in the South is not more profitable.

We need balanced farming to enable us to retain a larger share of the annual wealth produced on Southern farms.

Prosecution of several state and county officers, including the game warden of Lenoir county, for breaking hunting laws, was stopped last Monday when Duplin Game Warden Jim Smith received instructions from Raleigh not to prosecute.

The offenders, H. C. Sitterson, A. B. C. Bynum agent of Kinston; R. B. Canfield, of Raleigh Fire Dept.; D. B. Bell, county game warden of Lenoir County; and Dr. J. M. Stanton and J. C. Hayworth were caught while hunting in Duplin county on Sunday, Nov. 21st, and were liable to prosecution under a section of the Statutes of North Carolina forbidding Sunday hunting.

They were ordered to appear before Justice of the Peace C. B. Sitterson, in Kenansville, on Monday, Nov. 22nd at 2:00. On that day, as the game warden and Justice Sitterson were filling out papers indicting them, a call came in from E. B. Kugler, assistant commissioner of the division of game and inland fisheries, instructing Game Warden Smith not to prosecute.

Since that time Justice Sitterson has written to the Attorney General of the state of North Carolina, who declined to act in the matter, and to District Agent Fred A. Williams (under whose instructions Smith acted, according to his own statement), who replied that he had advised the warden not to prosecute under the law.

Card Tournament Planned by Junior Woman's Club

On November 23, 1937, the Junior Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Club House. Mrs. E. B. Boney presided at the piano, while Mrs. G. E. Jones led in singing the Club song. Mrs. R. C. Wells installed the new officers and enumerated the duties of each. The following are the new officers installed: Mrs. Robert Grady, President; Margaret Williams, Vice President; Elizabeth Ward, Secretary; Thelma Smith, Treasurer; and Letha Murray, Reporter.

Plans were made for a card tournament to be held on Saturday night, December 11, at 8 o'clock in the Club House. A variety of games are to be played. Tickets may be secured from members of the Junior Woman's Club at 25 cents each. The proceeds will be used for the construction of a community tennis court. Any cooperation rendered will be greatly appreciated.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Misses Thelma Smith, Elizabeth Ward and Nannie Pollock.

Mrs. Dobson Seal Sale Chairman Kenansville

Mrs. Perry Dobson has been appointed chairman of the annual Christmas Seal Sale in Kenansville. It has been announced by Dr. E. L. Carlton, of Winston-Salem, Managing Director of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Dobson is Chairman of the Public Welfare Department of the Kenansville Woman's Club. She, and all other club women, are taking an active part in the Seal Sale, the receipts from which carry on year-around anti-tuberculosis work in this district.

Other members of the committee are: Mesdames R. C. Wells, W. J. Pickett, A. J. Stanton, G. B. Sitterson, J. J. Whitfield, L. Sotherland, D. S. Williamson and H. B. Boney.

The Junior Woman's Club is working in cooperation with the Senior Club, and Miss Nannie Kozogay is Chairman of their Seal Sale group.

Beta Club Plans Charitable Campaign

Do you have any clothes the children are grown out of? Any toys they are tired of? Or anything of little value to you now that someone else would like to have?

These are the questions the Beta Club of the Kenansville high school is asking now, as plans get under way for a Christmas charity campaign. The club intends to solicit and accept contributions from the people of the county between now and Christmas to help give the poorer folks of the community a better holiday.

Contributions may be made to Ellen and Eleanor Sotherland, of Kenansville, or to Miss Phoebe Hazlan, of the Kenansville school faculty.

PYPL Has Party

The Presbyterian Young People's League of the Grove Presbyterian church was entertained at an "Auto Party" in the home of its adult advisor, Mrs. Lawrence Sotherland, last Friday night. Ellen Sotherland had charge of the games, in which she carried out the auto idea.

After many games and contests all present enjoyed hot tea and assignments, representing the gasoline and the tires of the auto.

Most of the members of the League were present, including Eric Long who is in school at Maxton.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. E. C. Newton, of Kenansville, announces the marriage of his daughter, Emily Doris Newton, to Wayland Jasper Sitterson on September 31st, 1937, in Dillon, South Carolina.

The bride and groom are now at home in Kenansville.

EDITORIAL

The Duplin Times is ready to kick when such flagrant examples of official partiality are shown as in the case appearing in another story of this issue, wherein officials are protected from prosecution under the laws of the state, obviously because of their positions.

Game Warden Jim Smith, of Duplin county, arrested offenders of the game law which prevents hunting on Sunday. Those offenders happened to be officials of the State and County and an immediate notice was sent to Smith from Raleigh headquarters of the hunting commission advising him not to prosecute.

In an effort to get to the bottom of the thing, Justice of the Peace C. B. Sitterson wrote to Attorney General Seawell, asking his advice. Attorney Seawell declined to enforce the law or to make any move, saying that the courts were above him in authority, and that he is required to give official opinions to the Department of Conservation and Development, and as that department seems to be involved, he must decline to make any comment until asked to by the department head.

Mr. Sitterson then wrote to the District Game Protector of this district, Fred D. Williams, who answered by saying that although there is a law against Sunday hunting, it is not very clear, and that he had given no instructions to enforce it. He did say that the sheriff and his deputies had a right to enforce the law.

Warden Smith has in his possession a copy of the statute forbidding Sunday hunting, given to him by Fred D. Williams and says that Mr. Williams instructed his agents in the presence of Solicitor Powell, of this district, to arrest violators, and obtained Solicitor Powell's word that they would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

If that is true, Mr. Williams' memory must be bad. In regards to the lack of clarity of the law itself, there appears nothing in it which should be misunderstood. We copy it verbatim: Section 3956, Chapter 75, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, 1919—"HUNTING OR GOING ARMED ON SUNDAY.

"If any person shall, except in defense of his own property, hunt on Sunday with a dog, or shall be found off his premises on Sunday, having with him a shotgun, rifle, or pistol, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding 30 days."

In our humble opinion that law can be understood by anyone, and it applies to any citizen of the state of North Carolina, be he an official or be he a poor man who doesn't have political pull.

Local officials say that the case shall be prosecuted, and the Duplin Times says that if there is any way in which it can help to remove the obstacles placed in the path of justice, it needs only to find it out. "Pork barrel" politics are out of date in Duplin!

Prices For Co-op Dynamite Orders Show Great Saving

County Agent Reynolds states that since the story informing farmers about cooperative buying of dynamite appeared in the Times last week, several have placed orders and made inquiries about cooperative prices preparatory to placing orders.

According to reports from farmers of the county who have placed orders for dynamite, the retail price is about \$25 per 100 lbs. when bought in small quantities.

The carload price quoted for cooperative buying is less than half of that amount, \$10.50 per 100 lbs. This represents a great saving to the farmers of the county who need dynamite if enough orders are brought in to the county agent's office to amount to a carload, which is 20,000 pounds. Already between 6000 and 8000 pounds have been ordered for cooperative buying, Reynolds said, and many more are expected to come in before the order is placed.

Reynolds wished to stress the fact that the county agent's office is not acting as the representative of any company, but is acting purely in the farmers' interests, as a carload of dynamite bought cooperatively will cost \$29,000 less than the same amount bought at retail prices.

Prices On County Hog Mart Stay Above Quoted Market

County Agent Reynolds disclosed this week that the county cooperative selling hog market has been consistently above the market quotations from Richmond during its entire period of operation. Top class hogs last Friday sold, he said, at \$8.15 per hundredweight, 15 cents per hdwt. more than market quotations, and the hogs were sold to representatives of the Richmond market. The advantage of buying hogs in large quantities attracts buyers and competition is keen, forcing prices above the market.

In figuring the extra profit for farmers by selling on the county market, it was found that, considering all expenses, farmers averaged \$2.15 per hog more than they would have received had they sent hogs directly to the Richmond market for Friday sales. Not only that, he said, but previous sales have been even further above market quotations, reaching more than 60 cents per hdwt. more than market prices.

Friday's shipment consisted of 290 hogs, 4 carloads, 90 per cent of which were classed as tops, averaging 203 pounds per hog.

State Men to See Pictures

County Agent Reynolds has received a letter from Dan M. Paul acting secretary of the Alumni Association of State College, in regards to the State College Club banquet to be held in Kenansville on Wednesday night, December 8th, informing him that Doc Newton, State football coach, Bob Warren, and Paul himself will attend the banquet. Paul states that the Athletic Department has moving pictures of all of the day games that State played this year, and offers to have the coaches show them at the meeting.

Reynolds says that the presence of the three State men assumes the Duplin County State Club of a successful affair. He intends to take up the offer to show pictures of the games.

Additional information concerning the State College Club appeared in last week's issue of the DUPLIN TIMES.

To Stage Contest Yard Decoration

The Kenansville Woman's Club will sponsor a Christmas Decoration Contest again this season. Prizes will be offered for both the yard and the porch that is decorated prettiest.

The Judges, whose names we will announce later, will be from out of town. The decisions will be made and the prizes awarded on Saturday night, December 18th.

For two Christmas seasons contests similar to this have been sponsored and as a result Kenansville has been made one of the most attractive Towns in Eastern Carolina.

The success of a decoration program depends on the wholehearted cooperation of each citizen. Although your effort may seem meager and your means even more so, do join with us at this Yuletide Season and help to make Christmas in Kenansville prettier than ever before.

New Church Year For M. E. Church.

The Duplin Times has received the following notice from the Board of Stewards of the Kenansville Methodist Church, concerning the new church year:

A new Church Year begins in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the month of December.

Sunday, December 5th, 1937 is the beginning of a New Year at Kenansville Methodist Church. We are very fortunate in having our same pastor, Brother Thompson, returned to us again. We hope that all of our members and friends will be out to church Sunday and help us start the New Year right.

We want to keep up our usual plan of paying the budget as we go, and so we are asking all our members to make their usual liberal payment Sunday Morning on the budget. Please write your name on the envelope to insure proper credit.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours Most Cordially,
Board of Stewards.

K'Ville Library Birthday Party To Be Held Soon

The Kenansville Community Library will celebrate its 17th birthday on December 19th, when a musical program will be given in the Agricultural building, conducted by Mrs. W. D. Reynolds. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets will be sold for the occasion at very nominal prices, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Kenansville's library was started in 1920 with 30 volumes, and has grown until it now contains over 1000 volumes, including books on travel, history, geography, fiction, a set of "Harvard Classics," two complete encyclopedias and "Who's Who." It operates under the system adopted by the State Library, with every volume indexed and classified. It is open to the public three afternoons a week, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Each year the library holds a birthday celebration, the proceeds of which go toward procuring new and needed volumes.

The people of Kenansville and the community should make free use of the library and help to enlarge it, as it is a valuable asset to the town and county.

Kinston Masonic Lodge Celebrates 150th Birthday

Masons in Kinston are planning a two-day celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 4, founded there in 1787. The celebration will begin on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when a sermon will be preached at the Gordon Street Church of Christ by Dr. B. W. Spillman. The public is invited to this meeting.

On Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock the second meeting will be held in the clubroom of the Methodist Church when a banquet will be given to members of the lodge and to visitors who are invited to attend.

Three or four hundred people are expected to be present for the celebration, consisting of members of the lodge and their wives, and visitors from neighboring lodges. Limited numbers are invited to attend from each of the neighboring lodges, the largest number being from St. John's Lodge No. 13, in Kenansville, which will have 30 representatives.

Officers of the Grand Lodge will be present to enjoy the celebration and to address the assembly.

Mrs. Stokes Seriously Ill in Hospital at Wilmington

Mrs. Oliver Stokes returned to a Wilmington hospital a few days ago. She is reported to be in a very critical condition. Her family are standing by at their home in Kenansville.

CONTRACTS LET FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS; START WORK AT ONCE

Companies to Carry out Construction Work on Schools of Duplin County, under the recent FWA allotment for that purpose, were named last Tuesday by H. T. Cole, regional director of FWA, when contracts were awarded to low bidders. The county board of education, which awarded the contracts, with approval of the State Board of Education and FWA authorities, expressed extreme satisfaction with the bids accepted for the projects.

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Urgent Request!

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Mrs. Boney says that many people in the county are in their bare feet, and many more haven't enough clothing to stay warm in wintry weather.

Shoes or coats, no matter how old, how near worn out, or what sizes or colors, are needed immediately.

Hog Shipment to Be Made Friday

There will be a shipment of hogs from Warsaw in Friday, Dec. 10th, according to County Agent Reynolds, when he expects farmers of the county to sell about 4 carloads of hogs. Farmers are urged to inform the county agent of the number of hogs they expect to sell at that time in order that preparations may be made for handling them.

Another shipment will probably be made on Friday, Dec. 17th, instead of a week later, as is usually done, in order not to conflict with the impending Christmas holidays.

Local Youths Badly Hurt In Holiday Auto Smashup

Goldboro, a blowout threw the automobile in which they were riding out of control and it turned over.

The victims were taken to the Goldboro Hospital, where Dail is still confined. All four were kept in the hospital for a few days for observation and Faircloth, Williamson and Merritt were then allowed to return to their homes. Merritt, however, has been returned to the Goldboro hospital, according to reports, where he will be confined for some time because of the severe back injury received in the wreck. Dail's condition is reported as serious.

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