



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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### Poultry Project of FFA Member



Norwood Rivenbark, a member of the Wallace chapter of the Future Farmers of America, is shown above with his poultry project. After four years of studying vocational Agriculture in the Wallace High School, Rivenbark has a total investment of \$2500 in livestock and farm equipment including one registered Duroc Jersey sow, one registered Duroc Jersey boar, one registered Duroc Jersey pig, seven registered Duroc Jersey pigs, two grade sows, 20 grade pigs, 225 New Hampshire Red hens, 700 New Hampshire Red baby chicks, one cow, two heifers, one pick-up truck, one laying house, and two brooder houses. Norwood says that

his success in farming is due to the following farming practices: Buying good breeding stock, good marketing methods, good feeding & management, strict sanitation, proper housing, keeping a complete set of records at all times, and the financial and other help which he received from his parents. T. M. Fields, teacher of Agriculture at Wallace is the instructor. Future Farmers of America — more than 26,000 in number in North Carolina — are growing 1,000,000 broilers this spring and own nearly three-fourths of a million laying hens, reports R. J. Peeler, FFA executive secretary.

## Duplin Boy Writes About Farming Activities In North Africa

### In North Africa



**DELANEY L. COTTLE**  
Cpl. Cottle is the son of Mrs. L. Q. Merritt of Warsaw and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. Q. Blitchburn of Warsaw. He is with the Army in North Africa. He is a graduate of Warsaw High School.

The boys from home, in the armed services, in the States and on the battle fronts are keeping up with friends and relatives back home through the columns of the TIMES. Some of them write us each week. The following letter is from one of them in North Africa.

North Africa  
April 16, 1943

Duplin Times  
Kenansville, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Grady:

I want to thank you for being so kind to the boys in the Army by sending them your wonderful paper. It is without doubt the finest present a soldier has ever had. It brings us the news from home-Duplin. We must know how things are at home to be able to give our very best to our country. You should feel honored for doing so much for your home folks, and I want you to know that the fellows in the Armed forces do appreciate your kindness so much, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Now, I will try to give to my many friends my opinion of the things I have seen in North Africa. Of course there are many things I cannot tell or even talk about, but this country has so much I know some of my friends will like to read about it.

Africa is as old as the world and the hills and mountains will tell you this when you cast your eyes upon them. However, the valleys are very fertile and many things are going.

The mainstay is grain which is made into either bread or mush. One of the main dishes is a fluffy dish called Kuskus (Koo-koo) which is eaten with the fingers of the right hand. The main food is bread. Without bread they would starve.

Another main crop is grapes, and the grapes make very good wine. The vineyards are planted about three feet apart in rows and the rows are about ten feet wide. The grapes are the bunch variety and the vines are cut back each year to about one and a half to two feet above the ground. The grapes grow on the new growth of the vine each year. The ground is very fertile and the grapes are plentiful.

Many vegetables are grown. Such as beans of all variety, okra, corn, potatoes, peppers, onions, tomatoes, and turnips. Most of these vegetables are grown in the same field with the grapes, because the grapes are in ten foot rows and one or two rows of vegetables are between the rows of grapes. The rainfall is light and water pumps are plentiful. However they are not used unless the rainfall is very light.

The fields are small and the implements are crude. Due to the light rainfall in summer most of them specialize in fruit trees which can withstand the drought.

Great fields of figs, dates and apricots are grown. They are eaten fresh in season or dried and used during the rest of the year. Many goats are raised. The goats are seldom killed because the people do not have access to refrigerators. However, goat milk is important. Most of it is made into butter or cheese.

Well, so much for Africa. I want to give you my new address: H. Q. Co. 131st Bn. F. A. APO 36 C. O. Postmaster, New York City. Just remember how much your paper means to the fellows and how much they appreciate it. It is tops with us, and how we know it.

Sincerely,  
S/Sgt. Woodrow Blackburn

### In Pacific



MILBURN FUTREAL

17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Futreal of Chinquapin is with the Navy in the Pacific War Zone. He attended the Chinquapin High School and entered the Navy on June 5 1942. He holds the rating of ship's cook third class.

## COUNTY BRIEFS

### Accepts Position

Miss Martha Jones of Warsaw has accepted a position in the County Agent's office in Kenansville Marshall at P. J. C.

No. wood Boney Jr. was chosen as a marshal at the commencement exercises at P. J. C. this week. Finals were held there Monday.

Norwood is in the Naval Reserves and has been ordered to report to Newberry College about July 1st.

**Field Director Here**  
Miss Dorothy Campbell, Field Director for this district, was a visitor at the Welfare Department last Friday.

**Four to Duke**  
On May 27th, four people were taken to Duke University Hospital for examination by Mrs. C. Beems of the local Welfare Dept. One was admitted to Lincoln Memorial Hospital for Colic. He was Dock Chobb or Kenansville.

**To Morrison**  
On May 26th, James Resper of Rose Hill was taken to Morrison Vann of the local Welfare Dept. Training School by Mrs. Grace Post Offices.

Calypto and Turkey post offices will grow up on July 1st. Along with approximately 1200 other 4th class offices in the United States they will become 3rd class-offices. Postmasters will be named by the President for life and salaries will start at \$1100 a year.

### PENDER, DUPLIN UNDER IRISH POTATO ORDER

The War Food Administration has extended control over potato shipments in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, for the announced purpose of enabling the armed forces to obtain essential supplies.

Pender and Duplin counties are among the counties in North Carolina under the order.

### Warsaw Man is Promoted to Corporal

Dolphus T. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bell of Warsaw has been promoted to Corporal in recognition of his ability and diligence at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. basic training center of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

He is 25 years old and before his induction into the Army on Nov. 21 1943 he was employed at T. A. Lovett in Wilmington. He attended Beulaville school. He is married & his wife lives in Warsaw.

Jefferson Barracks, under command of Col. Parker G. Tenney, is a historic post on the Mississippi River just South of St. Louis. Here recruits receive basic instruction and take vocational aptitude tests to qualify them for important duties in various arms and branches of the services attached to the Army Air Forces.

### Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Updyke, 628 Clinton Drive Newport News Va., announce the birth of their son Junius Edward, on May 23rd.

Mrs. Upchurch was the former Miss Laura Lee Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Williams of this section.

### Kenansville Methodist Church

Church program for Sunday June 6th:  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching Services at 11:15 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Special for the morning service: Baptismal Service for children and Christening of infants.

### Enjoy Barbecue at Beulaville

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bratcher, Stanley Bratcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Singleton enjoyed a delightful chicken barbecue, Saturday night May 29, out on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bratcher of Beulaville. Ice cold Coca Colas were served.

radio and medicine to carpentry and plumbing.

The Navy recruiter will be in Kenansville every Tuesday morning to accept applications from young men in the vicinity. He may be found at the post office.

### Stars Keep Troops' Spirits High



Over 75 star personalities of the entertainment field helped to make the Match of Time's "Show-Business At War" film which shows what the amusement industry is doing to keep our boys happy. Top: Jolson sings his famous "Mammy" for soldiers in a far outpost. Middle: a Command Performance for troops, Carole Landis—to the right of announcer Don Wilson—breathes a sigh over the microphone. Surrounding stars somewhere in the Pacific and below: Bill Berlin sings his World War I hit "On Boy I Hate To Get Up In The Morning."

including ungraded and unclassified bagged in bags 30c cwt. is subtracted from the price for 100 lbs listed.

### Announce Birth

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carey Caudell, a son, Carey Caudell, Jr. at Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh.

### County Typhoid Clinic is Scheduled

Duplin County will hold Typhoid Diphtheria and Smallpox immunizations on Fridays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the following places: Warsaw (Grammar School building) 10 A. M.

Bowden (Parker's Store) 11 A. M.  
Fairfax (City Hall) 1 P. M.  
Calypto (school building) 2:30 P. M.

### Mrs. Julia Miller is Honored on her 80th Birthday

On Sunday May 23 Mrs. L. C. Miller of Beulaville, was entertained at a barbecue dinner by Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Julia Miller, on her 80th birthday and their son, Groves, who has home from Trinidad, where he has been stationed for the past with the Navy. He reported for duty on May 31st at Newport. Capt. He holds the rating Yeoman 1st Class.

### Wallace Strawberry Market has Highest Average in History Figures Reveal

Raleigh N. C. May 31 — Despite competitive shipments of strawberries from eight other states North Carolina berries continue to command high prices on terminal and state auction markets, according to A. B. Harless, market newsman with the State Department of Agriculture.

The auction markets in Burgaw, Wallace, Chadbourne, Mt. Olive and Taber City have one of the highest if not the highest auction averages in their history.

Prices of good quality berries have ranged from \$4.25 to \$11, mostly around \$8 per crate all season. However a very small amount sold under \$6. Last season auction prices ranged from \$1.50 to \$6.25 per 24 quart crate.

While North Carolina growers are experiencing a short crop, so are its competitors. To date Tar Heel producers have marketed around 140,000 crates in contrast to almost 600,000 24-quart crates on the corresponding day last year.

Louisiana growers shipped 1066 cars this season against 2389 in '42 and Tennessee producers have marketed 185 in comparison with 633 states are also comparatively light.

Peak shipments have reached and passed but recent rains are expected to improve yields and expedite early June.

### W. C. Phillips Ordained to Gospel Ministry

W. C. Phillips son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Phillips of near Warsaw was ordained in the Gospel Ministry at the morning service at Johnson Baptist church last Sunday, May 30.

The Rev. T. N. Cooper of Calypso delivered the ordination sermon and the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of Johnson Church presented the Bible and offered the ordination prayer. The charge was delivered by the Rev. J. L. Jones of Rose Hill.

Mr. Phillips is a graduate of the Warsaw High School and of Wake Forest College. He has had two years of training in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He had special training in Philadelphia last summer and will continue special training within a few days.

Mr. Phillips is a young man of splendid qualifications for a minister and his many friends will look forward to his future with great interest.

### Combines to Begin Mowing 'em down For Victory

Several thousand combines will begin to mow down hundreds of thousands of bushels of essential war foods early this month. The operators of these essential machines will be given special training next week in most counties, looking to more efficient and economical management. Community cooperation will be featured.

Because of acreage and production of grain, crops, so important to the food and feed programs emphasis is needed for every operator to comply with the State's Thresher Law. This means that an operator's permit should be secured from the Register of Deeds. At the same time record forms will be provided. EACH machine must be licensed whether privately cooperatively or publicly operated. Such include state and county owned machines.

The Thresher's Act dates from 1918, resulting from the needs of World War I. The rigid or complete compliance of this act is now important. It provides information essential to (1) war program planning, (2) individual farm records, (3) Business practices (4- official records (5) machinery rationing and (6) county goals.

Because of this threshed grain act North Carolina farmers have gained special favors and better programs than would have been possible otherwise. Thus the need is double - war purposes and farmer program needs.

### 17 Year Olds Urged to Enlist in Navy Now

Seventeen-year-old men of Duplin County who desire to enlist in the Navy are urged to make immediate application, according to Recruiter Jesse Helms of the Wilmington Navy Recruiting Station.

There is a possibility Helms said, that all voluntary enlistments in the Navy will be stopped in the near future, and all men probably will be required to enter the service through their draft boards.

Already, Selective Service rulings have prohibited voluntary enlistments of men between the ages of 18 and 30.

Youngsters who anticipate entering the Navy before reaching their 18th birthday may follow this procedure: Write to the Wilmington Navy Recruiting Station for consent papers. By securing these papers before they report for enlistment, youngsters thus will eliminate one trip to the recruiting station.

Petty officer schools are open to the 17 year olds at the present time and the youngsters are allowed to choose the training of their choice insofar as is possible. There are 35 different trades taught in the Navy trade schools ranging from