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## Duplin County Farmers Looking Forward Towards Good Year

— BY L. F. WEEKS —  
Duplin Farm Agent

Duplin County farmers are going ahead with their 1946 plans regardless of the uncertainty of receiving many essential farm supplies needed to meet their production goals. They realize that throughout the world there are many millions of hungry people, many of them starving. The farmers will go on producing the food and other farm commodities which are so important to a lasting peace. There will be many problems that the farmers will face during 1946, such as labor shortage, farm to market transportation difficulties, inadequate farm machinery, and many others, but they won't be concerned with whether their sons will be killed in battle. They will not experience anxiety regarding the out-come of the war. Approximately a year ago, we were all worried about the "Belgium Bulge" which lengthened the European war considerably and caused the U. S. approximately 60,000 casualties of which a large percentage were farm boys.

**Farm Labor**  
In order to cope with the labor shortage, Duplin County farmers are blasting stumps from their soil with dynamite so that they may use more farm machinery in their farm operations when this machinery is available. A large number are planning to mechanize their farms with tractors to do most all of the farm work. 31,000 pounds of dynamite has been delivered to farmers throughout the county through cooperative shipments this winter. Most all of this material will be used for blasting ditches and removing stumps from cultivated fields. Not until the war was over did the farm families seek releases of their boys from the Armed Services. Since VJ Day a large number of these families have made efforts to get their boys home as soon as possible in order that they may help carry on the farming operations. It has been and still is practically impossible to hire a person to do a day's work on the farm.

**Tobacco**  
Yes, there is a bright side to farming too. 22,000 acres of tobacco grown in Duplin County yielded approximately 1000 pounds per acre, sold for an average of approximately 44 cents per pound in 1945. The 10 percent increase granted to all tobacco producers will give growers a total of approximately 24,200 acres to be grown in 1946. Hopes are high that the leaf crop will sell for a good average for another year. Granville Wilt, a deadly tobacco disease, has been spreading throughout the county during recent years. The tobacco experiment station at Oxford released a new variety, Oxford 26 in 1945 which has given new hope to farmers who have had experience with this disease. In order that this new variety of tobacco could be introduced to these growers, 812 ounces of Oxford 26 tobacco seed were ordered and placed with the growers throughout the county. 19 farmers reported an average yield of 1124 pounds per acre which averaged \$43.29 per hundred. As these farmers come to the office to report their experiences with this new variety of tobacco they expressed their gratitude to the Agricultural Leaders who made it possible for them to continue to produce tobacco. They realized that they would have been forced out of tobacco production by this deadly disease had it not been for the development of this new Wilt Resistant Variety.

**Cotton**  
Cotton acreage has decreased from approximately 16,000 acres in 1940 to 7,000 acres in 1945. With the low income per acre and the shortage of labor it is expected.

### RESUMES PRACTICE



MAJOR ROBERT C. WELLS

Major Robert C. Wells, recently discharged from the U. S. Army Air Forces, has resumed the practice of law in Kenansville. He is occupying his old former offices over G. R. Dail Grocery, better known as the Rationing office.

Major Wells was well known throughout the county as an attorney here before he volunteered in the Army in July 1942. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and was stationed at Miami Beach for six weeks and then transferred to Wichita Falls, Texas where he was stationed until being shipped overseas a year and a day before he received his discharge. Overseas he was with the Air Transport Command of the China-Burma-India section stationed in Calcutta, India. He was with the force that flew the "Hump" over the Himalayan mountains. Major Wells was in the legal and claims section.

### COUNTY BRIEFS

Miss Antanette Beasley, district chairman of the Junior Red Cross, was in Warsaw on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and held a meeting of the Negro teachers and Jr. Red Cross workers of the schools at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. At 6 o'clock the same evening Mrs. G. D. Bennett held a dinner in her home for the white Jr. Red Cross workers of the County. Two members from each of the white schools in the county attended the dinner and were given instructions concerning the Jr. Red Cross drive by Miss Beasley.

Dr. Gustav Ulrich visited the Red Cross office in Kenansville on Friday and checked the Red Cross campaign literature for the 1946 drive.

Mrs. Gordon Kornegay of the Welfare Department attended an institute in Raleigh for case aides on January 30-31.

On Monday she took some children to Duke Hospital.

### PROMOTED

Roy Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Houston of Pink Hill has been promoted to Corporal in the Eighth Army in Japan. His wife and two children live in Pink Hill. He entered the Army in November, 1944.

### Two Local School Children Suffer Injuries At Play

Little "Bobby" Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wells, and "Timmy" Outlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Outlaw, suffered injuries while playing at school this week. Bobby fell and suffered a broken collar bone and Timmy fell and suffered a severe cut on his left leg. It required about 12 stitches to close the wound. They are both getting along nicely.

Doctor: "Nonsense, I removed your wife's appendix three years ago. How can anyone have a sec-

### FROM SORATA

— By Jake —

**Headline:** In our favorite county paper last week we read the following three-column headline: "Accident Deaths Reach Seven In County Since Christmas." The story continued about a child being struck by a car on the highway in Calypso and being instantly killed. That fatality was the seventh in our county in the period of one month.

The accident rate has increased in this county 30 per cent since VJ day. This is a challenging situation facing our county. Safety should become our motto. Efforts to drive, work, and walk safely at all times should be put forth by every individual. No greater service to a community can come from local organizations than that of making the community safety conscious. One statistician has said that an accident happens every 3 and 1-2 seconds. Many of them are fatal.

We can read any daily paper on any day and count many reports of fatal accidents in this state. The lives of our people should be worth more effort to preserve. We are, on the average, killing more people now than were killed during the war. As prominent as highway accidents are we should be reminded that more serious injuries occur in the home than any other place. In 1944 the National Safety Council reported falls as the most costly type of accident. A little time spent in removing the cause of a possible accident is paid for with great interest. Remember the old adage: "Better be safe than sorry." And we may add too that we had better arrive late at an appointed destination than not arrive at all.

**Uncle Dick Says:** "Progress needs the brakeman, but the brakeman should not spend his time putting on the brakes." — Elbert Hubbard.

**A Goal Might Be Set.** We have read recently interesting accounts of some of our neighboring counties becoming the location of new industries. A large meat packing plant in Kinston, a textile factory in Benson, and others.

It is believed that Duplin people will agree that we need more industrial establishments in our county. We have the assets to warrant such business. It is gratifying to see accounts of planned expansion in some of our present firms, but we can use others and an organized effort on the part of some county agency or organization might be a good way to get something started. Better schools, better roads, increased population, increased property values, and a finer more progressive county in all details could result by new business establishments.

**Did You Know That** it has been estimated that the population of the United States will increase fourteen million people between 1940 and 1950?

and appendix?"  
Husband: "Listen, haven't you heard of anyone having a second wife?"

**More Housing Questions:** Mr. L. W. Outlaw, prominent Duplin farmer and chairman of the Duplin AAA County Committee, stated recently that in his travels over the county he had noticed that many houses on the farms are vacant. He, like many other Duplin farmers, is looking for farmers to live in those houses and begin work on a crop for 1946. The farm labor situation is not improving satisfactorily and farmers are facing the problem of their crops production this year possibly with more apprehension than in any recent year. All this leads one to wonder whether or not the farm workers who left the farms for military service and war work are not returning to the farms, but

## Attackers Of Deputy Sheriff Major Sutton Convicted

### Churchill in U.S.A.



MIAMI, Fla. — Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, who is vacationing on Miami Beach, poses in his private automobile while taking a short pause in his work of painting.

### Getting His Discharge

James A. Best, S 2c, of Rt. 1, Faison, is being discharged after honorable service in the Navy, at the personnel separation center in Little Creek, Va.

## Faison Man, Age Forty Blows Brains Out With Shot Gun

John Sprunt Southerland, age 40, was found dead in his home Tuesday. According to coroner Ralph Jones it was a clear case of suicide. Mr. Jones said that a relative, suspicious, something had gone wrong, went to his home and found him. He was sitting in a chair with a shot gun between his legs and a fire poker he used to pull the trigger lying beside him. His brains were blown out and had stuck to the ceiling.

John Lester Cruse and his brother, Eddie Cruse were convicted in court here last week for the assault and robbery on Deputy Sheriff Major Sutton of Albertson Township.

According to evidence brought out the two brothers attended a dance at the Outlaw's Bridge school house on the night of Jan. 19th. During the dance John Lester went into the school building and asked Deputy Sutton to go out on the school ground and stop someone from trying to steal a car. He and Sutton went out and as they approached the road in front of the building one of them grabbed his arms and one grabbed his legs. They threw him to the ground, took his pistol and clubbed him in the face. Sutton's jawbone was broken and his head cut. They fled and Sutton was rushed to a Kinston hospital. He is nearly 70 years old.

John Lester was given 10 years in the pen for robbery and 2 for assault, terms to run concurrently. Eddie was given 3 to 5 years for robbery and 2 for assault. John Lester has served about 8 years on various counts. Eddie was released from the Army about a month before the incident.

### JURORS DRAWN

#### FOR MARCH COURT

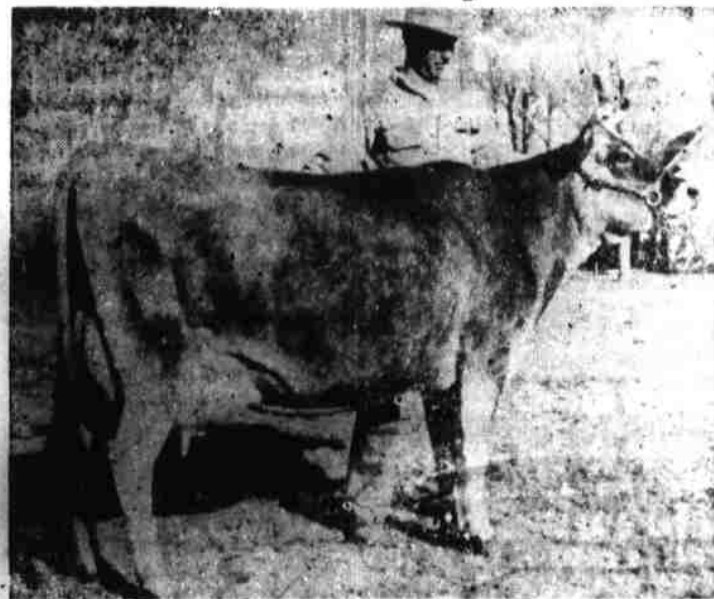
The following named persons were drawn to serve as jurors for the March term, 1946, Superior Court:

**FIRST WEEK:**  
Herbert Wells, E. F. Strickland, C. T. Grady, W. T. Brock, Dallas Jones, Melvin Powell, Nick Edwards, W. E. Hines, Alvin Kornegay, Albert Smith, Y. L. Smith, R. Southerland, H. W. Dickson, F. R. Carr, Wm. N. Hunter, Herman E. Rouse, Dulan E. Cavenaugh, A. W. Whaley, Earl Dail, K. J. Smith, J. E. Sheffield, B. G. Blanchard, McNeil Sholar, B. F.

rather are seeking to find employment in other fields. Farm operations have been gradually becoming more mechanized and the trend points toward more machinery for farm work as rapidly as it can be secured.

**SECOND WEEK:**  
A. B. Fussell, Elbert Jones, Marvin Bradshaw, Willie Wilson, Albert J. Williams, Geo. Rhodes, Amos Jones, John D. Grady, Foy Goodman, L. H. Jernigan, R. M. Winters, F. J. Jones, B. B. Fussell, Harry Grady, W. B. Register, H. D. Kornegay, L. R. Lanier, G. D. Sholar, Millard Edwards, H. L. Lanier, J. E. McNellis, F. N. Barden, H. E. Blackmore, J. K. Southerland, Paul Bass, C. J. Miller, W. J. Fussell, P. T. Fountain, O. A. Mathis, B. K. Bradshaw, Ed F. Bostic, E. A. Walton, Claude Dail, Ellis Raynor, Sr., R. A. Murphy, C. L. Stroud, Albert Askew, David J. Brock, Mathew Parker, and B. F. Rivenbark.

### National Champion



TULLA, TEXAS — Welcome Volunteer Tiff, the new National Three Year Old Jersey Champion for both milk and fat, made much of her record on wheat pasture in the plains country of the Texas panhandle. Her owner is former 4-H Club boy J. Chester Elliff. Her recorded production made in the Register of Merit division of The American Jersey Cattle Club and supervised by Texas A. and M. College is 19,416 lbs. milk, testing 5.55% and 1,977 lbs. fat beginning test at 3 years 8 months of age. The former class leader replaced by this great record is Dream Noble Blanche Ixia, a registered Jersey, owned by 4-H Club boy, P. E. Miller, Jr., Richfield, North Carolina. Her record was 19,129 lbs. milk, testing 5.53% and 1,659 lbs. fat.

## Major Joe Wallace Announced For Sheriff

### FOR SHERIFF



MAJOR JOE WALLACE

### FAMED ORCHESTRA

### LEADER TO SELECT STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL QUEEN IN WALLACE

Wallace, Joe Kyser, the Old Time radio and screen fame from Party Mount, will personally select the queen of the Wallace Strawberry festival this spring, it was announced by Mayor J. Aubrey Harrell. Photographs of contestants in the sixth annual festival will be sent to Kyser in Hollywood soon after March in order that he may make his selection. Previous commitments in Hollywood prevent Kyser from attending the festival. Harrell said all girls between 18-21 in Duplin, Sampson and Onslow counties are eligible to enter their photographs. Each entrant must submit a full-view 8X10 photograph to Mayor Harrell not later than March 1. Kyser will select the photograph of the girl who will be queen of the festival May 1st through May 15th at Wallace. Runnersup will be named as attendant at the queen's court.

Mr. Harrell said the queen and her attendants would receive valuable prizes and be royally entertained during the festival. Crowning of the queen will be one of the highlights of the festival, the first to be held since the war.

### County Negro Teachers

#### Credit Union Report

The Duplin County Teachers' Federal Credit Union Secretary-Treasurer gave a condensed statement of conditions for the year ending December 31, 1945:

**ASSETS**  
Total Loans \$205.36; Cash in Bank, \$875.09; U. S. Gov't Bonds, \$74.00; Total, \$1154.45.  
**LIABILITIES**  
Shares, \$1088.49; Reserve For Bad Loans, \$63.52; Undivided profits, \$25.3; Total, \$1154.45.  
Certified correct by Robert A. Merritt, Treasurer.

### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

#### Outlaw's Bridge Church

Sunday, February 10th will be observed as Boy Scout Sunday at the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church. The Outlaw's Bridge Troop and Cub Pack will participate in the service. The service will begin at eleven o'clock, following the Sunday School which meets at ten a. m.

Rev. Gustav H. Ulrich, D. D., minister of the Church and Acting Scoutmaster will preach the sermon.

### Outlaw's Bridge AUW

#### Meets Saturday

The Outlaw's Bridge AUW will meet Saturday afternoon at two o'clock with Mrs. Herman Outlaw. All members are urged to be present at this meeting and visitors are welcome.

## Sheriff Williamson to retire after 28 years in office; Second Sheriff, in point of service in North Carolina.

Major Joseph Wallace, recently retired from Army duty, this week announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Duplin County. Major Wallace, until volunteering in the Army was Deputy Sheriff of this county from Jan. 1, 1929 until May 11, 1942, when he enlisted in the Armed forces and was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Ground Forces. He is the son of the late Sheriff Bland Wallace and Mary J. McGowan Wallace. His father was the first sheriff in Duplin following the Civil War and served 14 years. Major Wallace was married to Katherine McKenzie of Wilmington in Dec. 1930. Since he entered the service, Mrs. Wallace has served as office Deputy to Sheriff Williamson.

Major Wallace was ordered to Miami Beach after his enlistment and was stationed there continuously until his retirement. He enlisted on May 11, 1942. In June, 1943 he was promoted to Captain and in May, 1944 he was promoted to Major. In Oct. 1942 he was named assistant Provost Marshal of Miami Beach and in August, 1943 he was promoted to Provost Marshal.

He received his discharge in December of last year and since that time has been serving as Service Officer for Duplin County.

### SHERIFF RETIRES

David S. Williamson, probably one of the most popular Sheriffs in the history of Duplin County has announced his retirement. Sheriff says that while he is still young and healthy he desires to be relieved of the responsibilities of the office and give someone else a chance. He was first elected in 1921 and has been reelected for every term ever since. Three times in his public career he has been elected without opposition. He first ran against the late Sheriff Ingram and defeated him. Prior to his first race he was Deputy under Sheriff Ingram and the late Sheriff Best.

**Edit. Note:**  
In point of service Sheriff Williamson is the second oldest Sheriff in North Carolina. This fact alone is one of the finest tributes a person could have. Duplin County has been fortunate. J. R. Grady

### Warsaw Serviceman

#### Gets Discharge

James F. Coston, who has been overseas with the 81st Wild Cat Division has been discharged from the Army and is now making his home in Columbus, Ga., with his wife and mother, Mrs. R. H. Alexander. He was in the battle on Angar and Pelbin Islands and also saw duty at Leyte, Philippine Islands and Yokohama, Japan. He was wounded twice and was out of service eight months.

His medals include Foreign Service, Good Conduct, Bronze Star, Combat Medal, and Purple Heart. He received the Duplin Times all the time while overseas, including 52 copies at one time, as they had gotten misplaced. He was really pleased at getting them, and said they seemed like a Christmas present to him as he received them right at Christmas in 1944.

### Mrs. James Miller

#### Ill In Hospital

Mrs. James Miller of Millertown is in Parrott's Hospital in Kinston recuperating from a heart attack suffered last week end. Her condition is reported to be good.