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Sixth Annual Berry Festival Starts Wed.

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The Mighty Sixth Annual North Carolina Strawberry Festival officially opens on May 1st at 10 AM with a spectacular street parade featuring soldiers, bands, beautiful floats, pretty girls, and other eye-filling attractions. The parade will form in the upper section and wind its colorful way through town to the exposition grounds.

On the grounds, will be the Bull-ock Amusements with every type of riding devices, clean concessions and entertaining shows, also featured nightly on the midway is a big free act, "The Great Calvert" (King of the High Wire).

The large exposition building is crowded with educational and commercial exhibits from New York, Atlanta, Detroit, Milwaukee as well as locally. These exhibits are a show themselves and the building has been transformed into a fairyland of color and beauty. In the center a large theatre auditorium has been constructed and on its forty foot stage big time shows and bands will perform daily.

On May 1, and 2, Geo. B. Hay, "the Solemn Old Judge" will present the entire "Grand Ole Opry" from WSM, Nashville, Tenn., for matinee and evening shows.

On May 3rd Trudy Russell and her "Meet The Girls" in a big Broadway Revue will replace the Grand Opry Show, featuring the most beautiful girls in the world. The Trudy Russell Show will perform every day except May 8th. With them also will appear a group of girls from Earl Carroll's Supper Club in Hollywood who will stage special midnight shows all proceeds from these special midnight burlesque shows will go to the Wallace Fire Dept. to be used for their hut building fund.

Also on the evening of May 3rd the "Strawberry Ball" will be staged with two orchestras performing in "The Battle of The Bands." Dancing will start at 11:30 PM and continue until 6 O'clock Saturday morning.

Regular shows and attractions will hold sway every day and on May 7, will be Governors Day, at which time several Governors, Senators, Congressmen and over two hundred Mayors from all over North Carolina will meet at the Festival for fun and frolic. There will also be a street parade at 11 AM on May 7th. That evening Governor R. Gregg Cherry will officially crown the winner of the "Queen's Contest", "North Carolina Strawberry Queen", in a brilliant and colorful ceremony.

On the evening of May 8, the "Strawberry Queen's Ball" will be held with Betty McQuire and her Famous All-Girl Orchestra providing the music and vocal background. Thursday, May 9th will be White Children's School Day, all white school children and teachers will be admitted free and special attractions have been lined up for them. May 10 is Colored Day, all colored school children and teachers will be admitted free. Brown Baron and his Orchestra and the Famous Brownskin Models will play for the afternoon and evening shows and a dance.

Another big dance will be held on the evening of the concluding day which is May 11th.

During the entire eleven days there will be something doing every minute of the day and night. By all indications this will truly be the largest celebration in the Carolinas and one of the most outstanding events in the entire Southland. The "Strawberry Festival" has become known far and wide and has brought fame and publicity to Duplin County and all Southeastern Carolina.

The nation's wheat farmers, not sure of the outcome for the 1946 crop and not liking present prices, are not rushing wheat to market despite the urgency of the world food situation.

The "Sixth Annual North Carolina Strawberry Festival" will hold its gala prelude on Saturday night, April 27, with the selection of the "Strawberry Queen", in a gala Bathing Beauty Parade and Pageant. Scores of Southeastern Carolina's most beautiful girls will compete in this contest for the coveted title of "Strawberry Queen". Judges will be representatives from the motion picture industry who have been sent here especially for this occasion by United Artists, Paramount and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film studios. The judging will be by looks, figure, height, weight and measurements and these movie experts know what it takes to make the famous "American Beauty".

The lucky girl who is selected as "Strawberry Queen" will have the time of her life. Not only will she receive nation-wide publicity but a free trip to Hollywood where she will meet the stars and be entertained by Kay Kyser. She will reign over the "Queen's Ball" and be feted in many ways.

Dr. Gooding Talks To Lions Club

Dr. G. V. Gooding, acting health officer for Duplin, addressed the local Lions Club here at its Wednesday dinner. Dr. Gooding discussed the current Cancer Drive.

Democrats To Hold Convention Saturday

Democrats of the County will gather at the Courthouse in Kenansville Saturday morning, April 27, at 11 o'clock for their biennial County Convention. At the Convention 35 delegates and 35 alternates to the State Convention which meets in Raleigh at 11 o'clock a. m., Thursday, May 2, will be named. The resolutions and platform Committee will make a report.

The County Democratic Executive Committee will meet immediately after the Convention adjourns. The Precinct Chairmen compose the Executive Committee. Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw will deliver the keynote address.

CALYPSO GIRL TO GIVE BIBLE RECITAL

Barbara Jean Wilson, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wilson of Calypso, will give a Bible memory work recital at the Calypso Baptist church services Sunday morning, April 28. She appeared on the program before and her repeat performance next Sunday is by request.

Miss Wilson won the Baptist Training Union Junior memory work contest at the Warsaw Baptist church on December 7th, 1945, and on March 17, 1946. She also won the tournament at the regional Baptist Training Union convention at Lumberton March 30. Her brother, Braxton Wilson, and Mrs. E. T. Register, training leader, accompanied her to the convention in Lumberton.

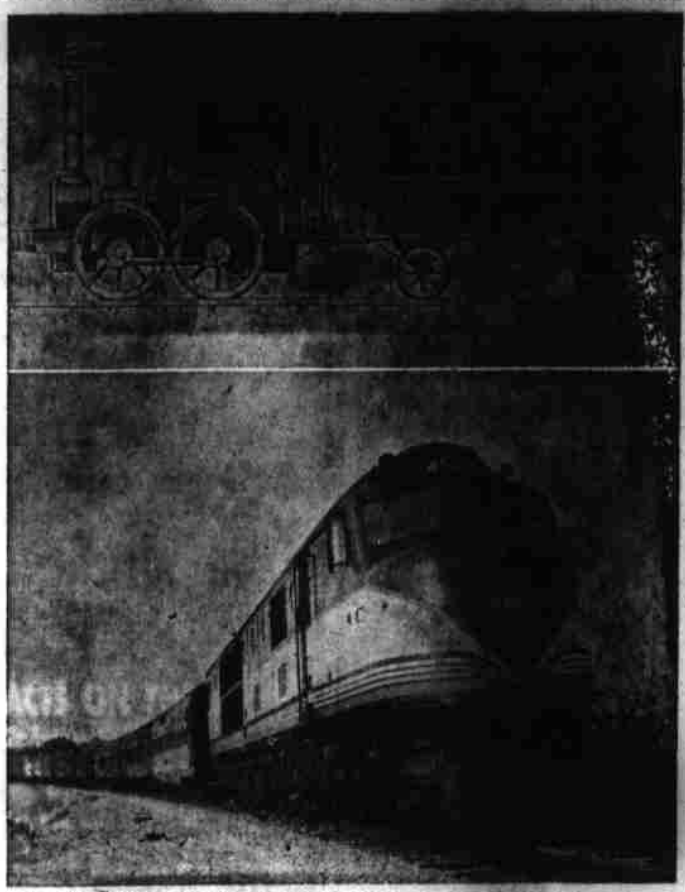
She is now eligible for the State Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest June 20th to 26th.

Local Colored Seaman On Way Home

Ellis Faison, S 1/c, of Kenansville is now at Pearl Harbor awaiting shipment to the nearest separation center to his home to become a civilian once more.

Farm wage rates in the U. S. today are about six percent higher than those of a year ago.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED IN A HUNDRED YEARS



The tiny train shown above is the Seaboard Railway's first. The locomotive was built in England and shipped to America by sailing vessel. Christened the "Raleigh", this half-pint engine was running from Portsmouth, Va., to Raleigh, N. C., in 1846. The "Raleigh" weighed ten tons and boasted a top speed of 20 miles per hour. Thus she was the marvel of her time.

The giant locomotive below the "Raleigh" is the "Rail Master" - world's largest and most powerful diesel-electric. Generating 3,000 horsepower in a single unit, the big fellow weighs in at nearly 600,000 pounds and will cruise along at 120 miles per hour. The train in tow is Seaboard's famous "Silver Meteor".

Attention Parents

To The Parents in Duplin County Who Have Children to Enter First Grade of School Next Fall.

The Duplin County Health Department wishes to remind parents of children beginning school next fall that before entering they must present evidence that the child has been successfully vaccinated against small pox, diphtheria and whooping cough unless the child has had whooping cough.

A certificate of immunization against these diseases must be obtained from the family physician or the Health Department and presented to the principal on the opening day of school.

If you did not have your child immunized at the pre-school clinic recently held in the schools throughout the county you may do so in the clinics listed below at the following places on the following days and hours:

Mondays - 9:30 - 11:30 A. M., Kenansville, at the Health Department.
Thursdays - 9:00 - 11:00 A. M., Faison, City Hall.
10:00 - 11:00 A. M. Warsaw City Hall.
2:00 - 3:00 P. M., Rose Hill City Hall.
3:00 - 4:00 P. M., Wallace City Hall.
Saturdays: 9:00 - 11:00 A. M. Kenansville at the Health Department.

MORRISON ISSUED PILOT'S LICENSE

Rev. J. G. Morrison, pastor of the Kenansville, Hallsville and Beulaville churches, and Chaplain in World War II, received his pilot's license in Wallace Wednesday after going through a flight test under C. A. Inspector Jack Stephens of Jacksonville, N. C. A minimum of 40 hours of flying is required to receive a license. Mr. Morrison has two brothers who are commercial pilots.

Virtually all N. C. meat packers have discontinued cattle slaughter because they contend that present price controls prohibit any profit.

Warsaw Planning Town Improvements Mass Meeting Called For Tues. Night

TOO MUCH "BULL"

Ernest "Slim" Dall says the TIMES carried too much bull last week. "Slim" observed that on the back page the paper had pictures of politicians and on the front page pictures of F. F. A. and 4-H Club calves. "It's bull on the front and bull on the back" he said. Well, any way, half of the bull is cut out this week.

Carl Smith Drops Out Commissioner Race

Former Coroner Carl Smith of Hallsville filed his intentions of becoming a candidate for county commissioner from the Third District. Last Saturday he came to Kenansville and announced that he would not be a candidate. This leaves the field to incumbent Tyson Lanier and Archie Lanier.

Propose Extension Water and Sewer Lines; Town Officials to Explain Financial Condition of the Community.

In view of the present building boom and other post-war improvements in Warsaw the town fathers have employed Civil Engineer and town planner Van Camp of Southern Pines to make a number of surveys and recommendations for improvements in the town's water and sewer lines, streets and other recommendations.

The town fathers believe the most pressing need now is an extension of the town's water and sewer lines. Mayor John Jenkins, speaking for the town officials, has called a mass meeting of all citizens interested in the future growth and development of Warsaw. The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium Tuesday night, April 30th. All citizens are urged to attend.

At the meeting the officials will explain in detail the general financial conditions of the town and recommend future work. The proposed additions to the water and sewer lines will be given in detail and the officials will act on the basis of the wishes of the people.

To make the added improvement a bond issue of \$40,000 to \$50,000 will be required. This will necessitate a vote of the people. It has been figured out that the bonds can be floated without an increase in town taxes. According to town commissioner Aubrey Cavanaugh, a sewer line fee of 50 cents per month, plus the increased income from new customers, plus the savings effected last November when the town was refinanced, the debt can be paid off in 20 years at the present tax rate of \$1.45.

When the town's bonds were refunded the commissioners affected a savings in interest reductions from 5 to about 2 3/4 per cent, totaling about \$2500 per year. Last year the town paid \$6,000 principal on its debt. During the past eight years it has paid \$32,000 on the principal. If Warsaw will continue paying its bonded debt at the schedule now set up will be free of bonded indebtedness at the end of twenty years.

Home Demonstration Notes

From Duplin County Home Demonstration Office

Duplin 4-H Health Contest

Eleanor Wallace, of the Chinquapin Senior 4-H Club, was chosen Queen of Health of Duplin County and C. L. Whitfield, of the B. F. Grady Senior 4-H Club, as King of Health in Duplin. The Final County exam was held on April 23, in Kenansville. Dr. G. V. Gooding, County Doctor, examined the entries with the help of Miss Mary Lee Sykes, County Nurse, and Mrs. Remus Outlaw.

The King and Queen of Health of each local club enter the County Contest as follows:

Kenansville School, Senior Club, Jean Tyndall, and Joe West.
Junior Club, Mary Beth Southland, and Steve Gooding.
B. F. Grady, Senior Club, Wilma Lois Adams, and C. L. Whitfield.
Junior Club, Anice Kelly, and George Ulrich.
Wallace School, Senior Club, Fannie Mae White, and Max Sykes.

Junior Club, Joyce Caudell, and Harry Carlton.

Warsaw School, Jean Miller, and Hugh Carlton.

Calypso School, Eleanor Carter, and Charles Waters.

Faison School, Jean Shutt, and Kenneth Warren.

Chinquapin School, Senior Club, Eleanor Wallace, and Alfred Brown.

Junior Club, Rose Alma Lanier, and Alois Williams.

The King and Queen of Health and the Four County Council Officers, President, Max Sykes, Secretary, Mittie Ruth Wallace, V. President, Hugh Carlton and Reporter Janet Boney will ride on the County 4-H Float in the Parade at the Wallace Strawberry Festival, May 1 and 7th. The crowning of King and Queen of Health will take place at the Federation in May.

Duplin Native Moves

To Puerto Rico

Mrs. Rollins C. Snelling, the former Amelia Grady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grady of Albemarle Township, writes the TIMES that she and her husband are on their way to Puerto Rico, where they will reside for the next two years. Mr. Snelling is in the armed forces.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Snelling was employed in the Agricultural office here.

Nice Crowd Attends Sunrise Services

It was reported that about 75 local people attended the Easter Sunrise Services, held on the lawn in front of the Methodist church here Sunday morning. A large congregation was in attendance at the Baptist church at the eleven o'clock service.

North Carolina, one of the original 13 states, is again one of the original 13 states now participating in a campaign to prevent fires and keep forests green.

The Welfare Department took a car load of folks to Duke Hospital and another one to the Goldsboro Clinic last week for treatment.

COUNTY BRIEFS

The North Carolina social service conference convenes on Sunday, April 28 through Tuesday, April 30. All social agencies are supposed to send a delegate and those interested are urged to attend. The meetings will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem.

The Federated Music Club was held in Burlington on April 24 and 25.

Mr. Robert Hawkins of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Raleigh was in the Welfare Department office on April 16. Mr. Hawkins stated that he would be in the office one day during each month.

Nominating Committee For ABC Named

Those chosen for the nominating committee for the selection of officers for the coming year for the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross are:

O. P. Johnson, Chairman, Kenansville; Mrs. Murphy Thigpen, Beulaville; Mrs. Herman Pippin, Magnolia; Mr. Aubrey Cavanaugh, Warsaw; and Mrs. E. P. Blanchard, Rose Hill.

This committee will have their report ready for the annual meeting which has been set for May 24. The meeting will be held in the Courthouse Auditorium at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

Duplin Schools Begin Closing Next Week Principal Changes

Superintendent O. P. Johnson announced this week that all schools of the county, except Faison and Beulaville will close on Saturday, May 4th. Warsaw will be the only school to hold graduating exercises. About 25 to 30 students will graduate from the 12th grade. Warsaw has about 15. Dean Herring of Duke University will deliver the graduating address in Warsaw.

Four years ago the 12th grade was added to the North Carolina School System which explains the few graduates this year. Normally, under the old system there would be a large number of graduates but most of them will carry over through next year and graduate from the 12th grade.

There will be some changes in school principals in the county next year. E. D. Edgerton, principal at Grady for the past several years will go to Wallace. D. D. Blanchard, at Wallace, has resigned and is going into private business.

Lucian Homes Fussell, principal at Magnolia until he entered the Service will return to the Magnolia school. J. W. O'Neal at Magnolia is expected to leave the county. He will probably go to Pender County or to Seven Springs.

F. M. Bailey, principal at Chinquapin until he entered the Service will return to Chinquapin. Hugh Wells, now at Chinquapin, is being considered at Grady.

DOTSON TO RETURN
J. H. Dotson, for several years the popular Agricultural teacher at B. F. Grady is expected to return to Grady this summer. He left to take a job with Cy Sloan, large stock raiser in South Carolina.

Church Men's Club Elects Officers At Supper Held Here

The Men's Club of Grove and Hallsville Presbyterian churches held its regular monthly dinner here last night.

Major Robert C. Wells and Professor Woodrow Taylor addressed the meeting. Mr. Wells talked on his experiences in India and Mr. Taylor talked on his observations and experiences in Palestine.

During the Business meeting the Kenansville group elected Clarence Murphy president for the coming year and D. H. McKay, secretary-treasurer.

The Club will meet at Hallsville next month.