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GRAND OLD MAN OF CHARITY



David Hanson Murphy

David Hanson Murphy, of the Charity Crossroads Community, was born December 18, 1856 in Duplin County, the son of Sallie Rouse Murphy and Thomas Kenan Murphy. He will be ninety-one years old on his next birthday.

On January 10, 1889 he was married to the late Frankie Levicy Green, daughter of Margaret Williams Brown and Needham Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy reared nine children, seven of whom are living: Mrs. J. E. Tenney, Mrs. A. W. Whaley, T. Raiford Murphy, Jessie Murphy and Velma Murphy, of Rose Hill; and Mrs. G. J. Ott, of La Otto, Indiana. He has sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. All of his children are outstanding citizens and a family that any man would be proud of.

Mr. Murphy has always farmed, though when he was young he did carpentry work and built his present home more than fifty years ago in three week's time. In his younger days he spent many of the coldest nights on the river carrying rafts of logs to Wilmington.

It was in his home that the Bethel Wesleyan Methodist Church was

organized in 1908, and Mr. Murphy has been an ardent worker both spiritually and financially since its organization. The Church now has a nice building of which any community would be proud.

Mr. Murphy's chief interests are his church, his family and his farm. He attends all of the church services, and enjoys taking part in the social activities. He is a man of few words, never one to speak in public, but always wanting to carry his share of any load. He loves entertaining guests in his home.

Being a hard worker Mr. Murphy arises before day and works as long as he can, see even now when he is almost ninety-one and sees no excuse for other people loafing around, and in the evenings reads without the aid of glasses. He looks forward to the tobacco selling season and goes to market and sells his tobacco and socializes with his old friends.

Mr. Murphy remembers many incidents of the War between the States and enjoys relating them.

For long life he recommends Hard Work, A Good Appetite, and Total Abstinence from Alcohol and Tobacco.

Chinquapin-Lyman, Fountain Store Road Contract To Be Let Sept. 30

It appears that Highway Commissioner J. A. Bridger of Bladenboro is living up to his promise to the Times and the people of the Chinquapin area that the road from Chinquapin to the Onslow County line via Lyman and Fountains Store would be the next Federal-Aid Road built in this division.

According to a story in Wednesday's News & Observer the contract will be let, or at least bids received for the road on Sept. 30.

The bid calls for grading, surfacing and structures of 8.4 miles from a point approximately 400 feet from N. C. 41 East on Chinquapin-Lyman-Fountain road to the Onslow County line.

With the completion of this link there will be a hard surfaced road from Wallace to Jacksonville as it is already paved from the Onslow County line to Jacksonville.

At a later date something is expected to be done about straightening the approach and crossing of North East River at Chinquapin. For this reason the present contract does not call for the paving to start at the river bridge.



RUSSELL C. STROUP

Rev. Russell C. Stroup, of Lynchburg, Va., will be the speaker on the Presbyterian Hour next Sunday, September 21.

The Rev. Stroup served as an army chaplain in the Pacific area. Like many chaplains who were under fire with his men, he has come through the war with his faith tested. He has a great message for our time.

His message next Sunday will be on the topic: "What the Bible Teaches about Freedom". The broadcast can be heard over Station WPTF, Raleigh.

Rev. Whitted At Dobson Sunday

Rev. A. M. Whitted, former pastor of Richlands Baptist Church will conduct revival services at Dobson's Chapel from Sept. 21 through the fourth Sunday. Mr. Whitted graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a preacher of great force and power.

Duplin Deputies Get Bootlegger

Duplin deputy sheriffs, C. W. Wagstaff and R. M. Byrd, captured 17 half-gallons of bootleg whiskey, a 1939 Ford and its driver, Freddie Stokes, Negro, at Magnolia Friday night, Deputy Sheriff Charlie Nicholson said Saturday.

It was the second big-time 'legger caught in this county recently. Early last week Thomas McIntyre, Negro, was fined \$400 and had his car confiscated for hauling 24 gallons of bootleg liquor.

BOB GRADY SAYS

THANKS MR. BRIDGER

When I talked with you the other night about the Chinquapin-Lyman Fountain Store road and you told me action was coming soon I believed you meant it and I see from Wednesday's N. & O. that the bid will be open this month. The people of this section are grateful for your interest and efforts.

Now, Mr. Bridger, we don't want to be the "hog" of your division, but if you can get something done about 111 through Smith Township I believe Duplin will let you rest a while.

"Gene" Tyndall is doing a swell job on our dirt roads and he and Biberstein are really doing more on our farm-to-market roads than we expected could be done this soon. "Gene" is a conscientious hard worker and is very popular over the county. Hurry up and come back to see us — Bob.

MUSING

So live, that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan, that moves

To that mysterious realm, where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,

Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,

Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch

About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

(From William Cullen Bryant's Thanatopsis.)

P. T. A. Meets

The Beulaville PTA held its first regular meeting of the year in the school auditorium Sept. 15 with the President, Mrs. Lou Belle Williams, presiding. The devotional was conducted by Mr. F. V. Spence after which reports from standing committee chairmen were heard.

A hearty welcome to all was extended.

After the reports, an interesting talk concerning the lunch room was made by Principal Ray Humphrey. Mrs. Phoebe Pate spoke on "What the P.T.A. Means."

There being no old business, new business was brought up. Due to the resignation of Miss Edith Brown, our former secretary, Mrs. Paul Kennedy was elected to fill the vacancy. Following this, the President called for discussions concerning the new ad curtain which was supposed to have been completed shortly before the meeting. Due to the fact that it did not hang exactly level and was displeasing to the eye, it was decided that we notify the company and hold payment of same until it was corrected.

The meeting was then turned over to the hospitality committee who entertained at an informal reception in honor of our County Superintendent, local school committee, faculty and lunchroom workers.

Mrs. Orvis Thigpen and Mrs. Adolph Jones presided at the punch bowl while Mrs. Raleigh Lester and Miss Marie Kenney, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, presided at the refreshment table.

Spectacular Adventure, High Excitement Highlight Technicolor Saga of Texas

One of the greatest motion pictures which Hollywood has produced is David O. Selznick's long-awaited Technicolor production, "Duel in the Sun," which comes to the Model Theatre on Sept. 23 and 24 in Beulaville.

This David O. Selznick International is being released by Selznick Releasing Organization. Told against a background of Post-Civil War Texas, the screen play was written by David O. Selznick as suggested by Niven Busch's novel, King Vidor, one of the most distinguished motion picture directors, guided "Duel in the Sun." A Texan himself, Vidor was particularly "at home" with the story. Playing the principal parts are Jennifer Jones, as a tempestuous half-breed named Pearl Chavez, Peck as Lewt McCanles, a charming but worthless man, and Joseph

Cotten as his brother, Jesse McCanles an idealistic gentleman.

Other important roles in "Duel in the Sun," are portrayed by such gifted players as Lionel Barrymore, Lillian Gish, Herbert Marshall, Walter Huston, Charles Bickford, Otto Kruger, Joan Tetzel, Butterfly McQueen, and Tilly Losch, an internationally famous Viennese concert artist.

Costing a fortune to produce, and over three years in the making, "Duel in the Sun" required the services of 6,000 extras.

More than 103 special effects were used in the picture, each one constituting a technical advance in motion picture making, and the superb orchestration is one of the outstanding musical scores and heightens the enjoyment of the picture.

Pink Hill Merchants Plan For Farmer's Day On October 2nd.

According to reports from Pink Hill the merchants there are getting primed for a big day on Oct. 2, when Bob Steele, the movie actor, comes there in person.

They are planning a day of celebration for the farmers in this

section. Merchants are planning to put on display of special merchandise in the school gymnasium.

The Times will give you a more complete account of plans next week.

Magnolia Business Men Taking On New Life; Determined To Improve Town

The business men of Magnolia are beginning to roll up their sleeves. They are determined that the town is going to get more life in it and begin to modernize along with some of the other towns in the county.

The Business Men's Club is going to sponsor a square dance in the school gym each Saturday night beginning Sept. 27. All proceeds from the dance will be given entirely to town improvements.

L. H. Fussell, head of the club said they had a tax rate of only 33 cents and the town has no water supply, which means no fire-fight-

ing ability beyond the bucket brigade.

Mr. Fussell said they were having a terrible time with streets and sidewalks during the wet spell. The businessmen are hoping that receipts from the dances will help some until something else can be done.

Older folks in Duplin will recall when Magnolia was one of the most important towns in the county. For years freight coming into Kenansville was hauled from Magnolia. During those days Magnolia was the shipping point for a wide area in this section.

County Seat Gets Patrolman

E. C. Armaiz, newly graduated Patrolman from the recent Patrol School in Chapel Hill, has arrived and is receiving his indoctrination from Patrolman McColeman. After a few more days work with McColeman he will receive his uniform and patrol car.

Mr. Armaiz says he expects to move his family here in the near future, if he can find a place to

V A Committee To Investigate Seven Springs Next Week

According to information from Washington City, a committee from the Veterans Administration will visit Seven Springs some time next week, probably about Tuesday to look over a probable site for the new 1000 bed veteran's hospital to be located in Eastern



Bob Steele, In Person Is Coming To Pink Hill Playhouse Theatre Oct. 2

Known as "the cowboy who fought his way into your hearts," Bob Steele, star of more than 160 western pictures, is coming to Pink Hill at the Playhouse Theatre to appear with his all-western revue on Thursday, October 2nd, for one day only. Bob will be in Pink Hill the whole day.

Starting as a stunt man and double in pictures, Bob rose to stardom because of his athletic ability and horsemanship. He was born on a ranch near Pendleton, Oregon, and started riding at the age of four. At high school he was an outstanding athlete in all sports and a life guard during summer vacation.

He was signed by Joseph P. Kennedy and William LeBaron for his first starring series. This led to a

three-year contract, and eventually to stardom for Republic, Monogram, Tiffany and P. R. C.

In Bob's all-star western show are such favorites as Jack O'Shea, "heavy" in 238 western pictures and the man who always loses; the Westernaires, playing and singing the songs you love; Boots Gilbert and Tommy Durden. It's a show for the whole family.

This is a little unusual for a town of this size to have such a distinguished Hollywood star to appear in person. C. B. Hayworth has stuck his neck out to have Bob Steele come to Pink Hill in person. The merchants there have gotten together and are giving him a grand welcome.

A special section of the theatre will be reserved for colored people.

Two Local Men Injured Slightly In Auto Wreck Last Saturday

Heinie McKay and Roy Lanier of Kenansville had a narrow escape Saturday afternoon when an auto driven by Rallis Williams, colored, sideswiped McKay's car on the fill a few feet west of the Middleton Mill run bridge on the Warsaw road. Heinie suffered a

fractured rib and bruises. Roy suffered bruises and scratches. None of the occupants of the other car were injured. Williams is out under bond on charge of reckless driving. McKay's car was knocked off the fill and badly damaged.

Vance Gavin To Give Builders A Break Here

Vance Gavin, prominent Kenansville attorney, has decided to give the many "anxious-to-build" home builders in Kenansville a break.

Next month he is going to offer for sale at absolute auction about 25 lots, including one apartment house. The property fronts the Kenansville-Beulaville highway adjoining the Methodist Church property on the north side of the highway and extends to the tobacco barn east of the church.

Light Line Here To Summerlin's Begun By R.E.A.

Residents on the road from Kenansville to Summerlin's Crossroads may begin making plans to wire their homes and buy electric appliances.

R. E. A. has begun construction of a line from Kenansville to the intersection of Summerlin's road on highway 11 and thence to Summerlin's. Poles are already arriving. The Times, in telephone conversation with the REA office in Goldsboro yesterday learned that this project is being rushed as fast as possible but some materials have not yet been secured. Other REA projects for Duplin farmers are being worked on.

Work Progressing Paving Duplin Farm Roads

Road work is progressing very fine in Duplin these days particularly with the surfacing of farm to market roads.

"Gene" Tyndall says the first layer of surfacing between highway 11 and Summerlin's Cross Roads has been completed except the short distance through Goshen at Wards Bridge. They expect to do some straightening out there. Surfacing of the first layer between Warsaw and the Wards Bridge road will be completed in a day or two.

Work is progressing rapidly on the road from Jerry Teachey's store to Charity, Rose Hill and Highway 41 in Rockfish. Work started from the highway 41 end.

A telegram Wednesday to the Times from Congressman Barden's office stated that Mayor Ruel Jarman there would be notified two or three days in advance.

Representatives from a number of surrounding communities are expected to meet the committee.

The Simmons, Mewbern, Turner Post American Legion has been pushing Seven Springs as an ideal site. C. S. Thompson, "Old Prospect" merchant in Commerce of

T. L. Coombs Dies In Pink Hill

Tilden L. Coombs, 64, Pink Hill constable and policeman for the past 22 years, died in a Kinston hospital at noon Sunday after a brief illness. Funeral services were held from the home of his son Stanley Coombs at Pink Hill at 3 p. m. Monday, with interment in the Pink Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Stephen A. Smith of Beulaville, Free Will Baptist minister, and the Rev. W. G. Lowe, Methodist minister of Pink Hill officiated. Surviving are four sons, Earl, Chris, Stanley and Morris Coombs, all of Pink Hill; two daughters, Mrs. James Costen of Kinston and Essie Coombs of the home; three brothers, Edward and Herbert of Jones County, and Hillery Coombs of Norfolk, Va.; six sisters, Mrs. M. A. Avery of Philadelphia, Mrs. Lawton Miller of Pink Hill, Mrs. Day Jarman of Trenton, Mrs. George Sanderson of Richlands, Mrs. Joe Turner of Rose Hill and Mrs. O. O. Hill of Chocoma and six grand-

Peanut Growers Referendum Is Set For Dec. 15 - Vote

By JOE E. SLOAN

A referendum will be held not later than December 15, 1947, for peanut producers to decide by secret ballot whether Marketing quotas for peanuts will be in effect beginning in 1948. Only operators of farms with 1948 peanut acreage allotments, or tenants on such farms, will be eligible to vote in the referendum. Certain information is necessary in order to determine the acreage allotments. Mr. Joe E. Sloan, Chairman of the Duplin County ACA Committee, states that each farm operator, whose records in the County Office show he may be eligible for an allotment has been mailed a questionnaire. Any farm operator needing assistance or having any questions regarding the form should contact the County ACA Office. If any farm operator who has picked or threshed more than one acre of peanuts in any of the years 1944 through 1947 has not received a questionnaire, he should obtain one from the County ACA Office.

In order for the answers on the questionnaire to be given full consideration it is very important that they be returned to the County ACA Office by October 1, 1947.

Brinson Moving Into Town

Morris Brinson, now living a few miles from Kenansville on the old Brinson homestead farm, has recently purchased a lot from E. A. Newton in the peach grove on the Beulaville highway. He plans

Jews Celebrate Rosh Hashana

The universal wish for a new beginning was fulfilled spiritually for the Jewish faith September 14 to the 16th, when the Rosh Hashana holidays, ushering in the Hebrew year of 5708, was celebrated.

Rosh Hashana began the ten-day season of penitence, which ends with Yom Kippur, "the Sabbath of the Sabbaths," or Day of Atonement. Prayer and meditation beginning with the new year call for reeducation of the Jew to new aspirations of faith in God and in our fellowmen, Rabbi Tolochko of Kinston stated.

The blowing of the ram's horn at the beginning of the first Rosh Hashana service at Temple Israel in Kinston Sunday evening furnished a note of hope and a call to all the world, Jewish and non-Jewish to return to the Lord who is of abundant kindness, the Rabbi stated. The sounding of the shofar, or ram's horn, is a warning to all that the time to repent and amend one's ways is at hand.

OPEN FORUM

September 17, 1947.
Mr. J. R. Grady, Editor,
Duplin Times,
Kenansville, N. C.
Dear Mr. Grady:

This Department wishes to compliment you on your article, "We Need a Hospital". We sincerely wish that you could hammer on this with one or more items every week that you send out your paper.

We do not think that any greater credit can be received than that of having the honor of helping secure a hospital for people who have to die for the lack of hospital facilities.

Most Sincerely,
Inez C. Boney, for
Duplin County
Welfare Department
ED. Thanks, Mrs. Boney, let's see from some of the other folks who have been helped by the hospital.