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## Rat Killing Campaign To Get Under Way

### Saga Of Men Against The Sand

Mr. J. R. Grady, Editor: I notice in the Duplin Times that you have made some comments upon the petition filed by the A. & C. Railroad from Warsaw to Kenansville to be permitted to abandon that line. In this you say that the farmers will be deprived of getting their fertilizer over this road. Some farmers will no doubt be put to other means of getting fertilizer. However, the greater part of the fertilizer used is taken directly to the farmer's barn by company trucks, and the railroad gets nothing. There is one large fertilizer dealer, a patron of the road, and the other shipments both for the town and surrounding country are small, and all combined will not in the future keep the road out of the red. The Wells-Oates Lumber Company is perhaps the largest shipper, and I am informed that they have about cut out all their holdings, and that will mean that there will in a short time be no sawmill and no pay roll at Kenansville. I have been employed to file the petition, and secure the necessary permission. I approach this task with the feeling of one who holds to the nose of an old, decrepit and faithful dog the lethal dose that will put him out of his misery. I have no financial interest in the road, it having long since passed into the hands of persons for whom I was not attorney. Mr. A. R. Turnbull, one of the finest characters I ever knew, and I built that road. I begged the right of way, and rich and poor, as one man, came to my assistance. We chartered and organized same, and put it in operation. At that time there was a deep sand road to Magnolia. No way to get out except to walk, which I have done many a time, day and night, ride a mule, or borrow a buggy. Half a day to go, and a like time to get back, carts struggling through the sand, bringing in the few necessities of life that had to be in Kenansville. If you wanted to get a trunk out or back, you had to charter some colored man, with his lean team about a week before hand, to pull your belongings through the sand and mud. Lawyers came and spent two weeks at the Bowden house, attending court, and eating fried chicken. I have seen the whole crowd leave town in a wagon drawn by two mules, through a snow, the presiding judge in the company, with nothing to warm him unless the natives took pity on him.

Those were the good old days, Mr. J. E. Jerritt, young and enthu-

siatic, came to the road as Mr. Turnbull's General Manager. He began his life with the Great Northern, James J. Hill's road from Chicago to the Pacific. He was running as express Agent from Wilmington to New York, at that time. He was from Wisconsin, Mr. Turnbull's friend and neighbor. We all know and love him. He is a railroad man in every sense of the word. He hauled about 120 car loads of fertilizer the first year. Mr. Pickett said that he saved enough the first year of operation to pay all the taxes that the bond issue cost him. We took over the U. S. Mail, and had two mails out and in for many years, including Sunday mail. Before the railroad came we had blue Sundays and blue laws in Kenansville, no Sunday paper.

Then came the road building, money spent by Duplin County and the State. The State and public authorities have tried to parallel every railroad in the state and they have paralleled this one with Highway 24, which will be a U. S. Highway. The trucks have taken over the business, and unless you specify railroad shipments in cities of near-by states, they will not ship by railroad. The drummer comes one day, and the truck the next, and sometimes after the drummer sells a bill he runs right out to his car and brings it in. The road is losing money and there is no hope of ever getting enough business back to help us. All railroads are going back, and you are not going to hear of many more strikes on railroads. You will more likely hear of the employees pulling some one younger off the job to take it for himself.

The public, the politicians and the jury are not always friendly to railroads. Few of them are now paying a dividend. You spoke to me about persons who might be interested in the purchase of the road. I have no authority to make any contract, and do not make any here, but I will use my good offices with the management to sell the road, its right of way, 100 feet wide, and the steel on same this is all it owns, at the market price for the steel. That will give you the road bed, the ties, and the right of way without cost. The deeds are on the record, most of the originals being in my name and I have them yet. So if you and your friends want it communicate with Mr. B. H. Oates of Kenansville, who will be glad to talk to you.

Yours truly,  
L. A. Beasley.

### BOB GRADY SAYS

**Hospital Out For Time Being**  
It appears that the possibilities of a hospital for Duplin at the present are out.

County Auditor F. W. McGowan has been in communication with the State authorities on State and Federal Aid. He has received an estimate of initial cost and maintenance. The Board of County Commissioners has given the matter careful study, with a favorable attitude, but it appears our county is just not financially able to match the undertaking at present. We just owe too much money with what we have already undertaken.

This writer has advocated for a number of years a consolidation of our Health and Welfare Departments. Of course this can't be done except on a state-wide basis. There is simply too much overlapping in this work. If we could have converted our county home into a clinical hospital, consolidated the work of the health and welfare departments with this clinic, we could have achieved the same goal and laid the foundation for a real county hospital.

Many people feel that those able to pay would not support a county hospital; that such a hospital would be for charity — I don't question their thought in this direction but I still believe a hospital in Duplin County will be worthwhile — no not a paying proposition — none of them do pay — but with medical facilities we can attract more doctors and goodness knows we need them.

In my opinion the intention of the State and Federal and Medical Care Set-Up is to help smaller and strictly rural counties like Duplin.

### Flying Parson Flies To Florida

Rev. J. G. Morrison, Presbyterian preacher of Kenansville, flew to Florida-Wednesday in Tax Collector Gilbert Alphin's 2 passenger Aerona plane.

Mr. Morrison took off from the Alphin air field at Summerlin's Crossroads Wednesday morning at 8:30. He stopped in Clinton and picked up a passenger, Dr. Williams of Roseboro, and joined four other planes in the flight. They had lunch at Georgetown, S. C., and spent the night in Jacksonville, Fla. Thursday morning they took off for Miami, Fla., and landed there around noon.

The party is attending the races at Miami. While there Mr. Morrison is visiting two brothers and a sister. He will return on Tuesday of next week.

### Superior Court Jurors Duplin (Criminal)

Jurors for Duplin Superior Court (Criminal) for January 26, 1948 are as follows:

Foy Goodman, Robert Grady, A. O. Fussell, Johnnie W. Stallings, Maurice Sloan, Jesse Brock, L. A. Brock, Geo. T. Blanton, J. A. Swinson, Vick H. Simmons, Alton C. Smith, Lewis A. Williams, L. H. Usher, Edward B. Hawes, Amos Jones, C. F. Holland, John Ivey Kennedy, Johnnie A. Harrell, Dewey Brown, Berry Maready, Claude Sumner, O. L. Holland, G. L. Brown, J. C. Brown, Paul Southernland, H. B. Kornegay, William L. Miller, Afton Pierce, B. F. Brock, Joe Rackley, W. P. Brown, W. L. Smith, J. R. Kelly, G. C. Sloan, N. P. Blanchard, G. H. Wilson, Coy Carter, S. G. Jones, McCoy Sumner, C. D. English, David R. Johnson, Lewis T. Fountain, J. E. Grady, Clinton Campbell, Albert J. Williams, Luther Brown, T. W. Brogden, C. V. Brooks, Jr., M. D. Garner, Nick Edwards, M. T. Bonham, Altona Pate, Luther H. Bradshaw, Jr., T. C. Ennis, Troy Dall, J. W. Hollingsworth, J. D. Outlaw, Moseley Phillips, O. J. Wilson, M. G. Smith, W. W. Woodcock, Gaston Kelly.

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Mr. Miller pointed out that one of the features of an FCX operated store is the dividend payments. At the end of each fiscal year the profits of the organization are distributed to its customers.

Duplin County farmers will soon have a chance to participate in an all out fight against rats. Plans for the war on rats were made at a meeting Friday afternoon, Jan. 2, County Health Officer, County Sanitarian, Home Demonstration Agents, Soil Conservationist, and County Agents discussed and planned a county wide campaign.

Sufficient Red Squill Rat Bait, which is relatively harmless to farm animals, will be mixed and packaged ready for use on the farm and around the home, with instructions on how it should be put out.

Orders for this bait are now being taken at the Home Agent's and County Agent's office. Any person interested in joining in this Anti-Rat program is requested to place their order for the bait at once. The bait will be packaged in 3 lb cartons, the amount recommended for the average farm or home. The cost of the 3 pounds will be \$1.00, which is to take care of the necessary ingredients, mixing, packaging and cartons. The bait will be mixed during the week of February 9, and delivered to a point in the various communities where the person participating may call for it and put it out that night.

Practically every farm in Duplin County is providing wonderful hiding places and plenty of food and water for rats. It is estimated that rat destruction amounts to over \$200,000.00 annually in Duplin County. Enlist today in this ALL-OUT War against Rats, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

### Don't Forget It's Tax Listing Time In Duplin County

The Township List Takers urge you to List your property early this month and avoid the last minute rush.

All real property will be listed at the valuation at which it was assessed for county taxes last year unless it has increased in value to the extent of more than one hundred dollars by virtue of improvements or appurtenances added since the last assessment of such property, or unless it has decreased in value to the extent of more than one hundred dollars by virtue of improvements or appurtenances damaged, destroyed or removed since the last assessment of such property.

Under our tax laws all property real and personal, shall as far as practicable, be valued at its true value in money, and taxes levied shall be levied uniformly on valuations so determined. The intent and purpose of our tax laws is to have all property and subjects of taxation assessed at their true value in money, in such manner as such property and subjects are usually sold, but not by forced sale, thereof, and the words "market value", "true value", or "cash value", shall be held to mean for what the property and subjects can be transmuted into cash when sold in such manner as such property and subjects are usually sold.

Farmers are urged to be prepared to give correct farm census information when they list their taxes.

Township List Takers are: Albertson - Mrs. Hess Davis; Cypress Creek - Jack J. Lanier; Faison - Mrs. Bessie S. Williams; Glendon - George D. Waters; Island Creek - Mrs. Leland G. Teashey; Kenansville - Mrs. Myrtle K. Quinn; Limestone - Mrs. O. Q. Lanier; Magnolia - Mrs. Herman Phippen; Rockfish - G. H. Blanton; Rose Hill - Mrs. Lenford Fussell; Smith - Cleon Smith; Warsaw - Miss Sadie Bennett; Wolfsrape - Mrs. George R. Kornegay.

### Lighting Contest Winners Here

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Brinson were winners of the first prize, \$25, in the Kenansville lighting contest. First prize was given by the local Lions Club.

Second prize, a table model radio, given by the Kenansville Drug Store, went to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McKay.

### A. T. Outlaw Files Annual Report Income Of Office Shows Increase

#### Town Of Faison Shows Growth During 1947; 8 New Homes

The year 1947 was a year of progress for the town of Faison, according to estimates supplied by Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, town clerk.

Eight new homes were completed in the town's city limits. Conservative estimate of the value of these new dwellings is \$30,000. In addition a number of new residences were built in the rural section adjacent to the community.

Three new business houses were completed during the year at an estimated investment of \$15,000.

New and enlarged facilities for the Faison farm produce market were placed in operation for the

first time. Volume of sales on the market was satisfactory considering the crop conditions. Average price was high.

The Faison auction market operators expect that more attention will be paid to truck crops next year and that volume of sales on the Faison market will continue to grow. Faison has long been known as the world's largest cucumber market.

The year closing saw steady growth for the Cates Pickle Company. This industry is the largest employer of labor in the immediate section of Faison.

### Base Ball Training School Announced In Warsaw; New Manager Is Hired

A. L. Cavanaugh of Warsaw announced Thursday that a Player-Manager of the Warsaw Baseball Club has been hired for the 1948 season.

The new manager is Sam Gibson of High Point, a veteran player of much experience. Mr. Gibson has played on some of the larger teams in the country, including Detroit, San Francisco, Portland and Tor-

onto, Canada.

He will report for duty on March 2. Training season starts April 1st. A training school will be run in Warsaw for any prospective player in Duplin from March 20th to April 1st. The school is open to any one regardless of age except high school boys.

Mr. Gibson is married and has one son.

### Quarterly Conference In Warsaw Methodist Church

The Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the Warsaw Methodist Church announces that the First Quarterly Conference of the Warsaw Charge will be held in the Warsaw Methodist church, Sunday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p. m. Dr. E. L. Hillman, the new District Superintendent of the

Wilmington District, will preach at this hour and conduct the business session of the conference immediately afterward. The public is cordially invited to the worship service at 7:30. Church service at the usual hour on Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

### March Of Dimes Will Roll Jan. 15-30

Leaders Will Manage Annual Drive For Funds To Combat Polio.

The 1948 "March of Dimes" drive for funds to combat infantile paralysis will be concentrated in two weeks, January 15 to 30. This is a cause always dear to the hearts of Duplin County people, and hence should again go over the top in splendid fashion.

The Duplin County chairman is Mr. H. E. Phillips; chairman of the fund-raising committee is Dr. J. W. Straughan, while Mr. E. C. Sanderson is treasurer. The standing of these gentlemen over the county is a guarantee of success of the coming campaign. Watch the Duplin Times in the coming issues for further information.

### Jurors Duplin County Court

Jurors for the February term of County Court are listed as follows:

V. B. Blanchard, Geo. W. Swinson, W. J. Sanderson, Lewis G. King, H. A. Carroll, Edward R. Lewis, Joseph J. Wells, John Thigpen, J. F. Turner, D. H. McKay, Buck Hill, Luther Miller, Thomas W. Smith, Sam Jones, C. R. Edwards, Johnnie Dixon, J. J. Matthews, O. G. Brown, Jasper J. Her-ring, Flave Kennedy, Leonard Grady, M. D. Davis, Dewey Bradshaw, P. C. Teashey, Leon Lanier, W. L. Floyd, Wilbert Carter, Watus Cavanaugh, Claude R. Rouse, L. B. Mathews.

### Notice B. F. G.

The B. F. Grady PTA will meet Monday, January 12 at 8:30 P. M. in the school audi-

Register of Deeds A. T. Outlaw has made his annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. A brief resume of the work of the office showing total number of various duties performed during the year, is as follows: deeds, 1411; deeds of trust and mortgages, 1112; liens, 3360; chattels, 2541; notes and contracts, 679; miscellaneous, 156; birth registration and copy, 75; birth and marriage certificates, 728; marriage licenses, 217; threshers licenses, 11; death certificates, 26; record copy, 38.

Total income for the year for services performed was \$7378.25.

Mr. Outlaw made the following statement concerning the work of his office:

The above total collection of \$7378.25 is the largest in the history of this office. The increase of \$880.85 over the previous year is accounted for in the number of deeds of trust, mortgages, liens and chattels.

All service to veterans, such as recording discharges, making certified copies and certificates, is without charge. This service on a regular charge basis would increase the receipts of this office to at least \$10,000.

All cancellation of deeds of trust, mortgages, liens and chattels, is without charge and has now become a big item among the duties performed by this office.

During the past two years this office has made three completely new and up-to-date indexes as follows: One of all Vital Statistics (births and deaths) covering the entire record from the year 1913 up to date. One of all recorded Army and Navy discharges covering both World Wars. And One of all liens and chattels from January, 1942, up to date. The cancellations shown on the margin of this new index is an important improvement in the service of this office. These new indexes, by private contract, would have cost the County at least \$2000, and has been done by the regular office force.

The receipts of this office, considering the vast amount of work without charge, greatly exceed the cost of operation.

All fees collected are paid over monthly to the County Treasurer and received for by him.

December 31, 1947.

A. T. OUTLAW  
Register of Deeds

### New Ford Truck Be On Display In Warsaw Next Week

The first public showing in Warsaw of the new 1948 model Ford trucks will take place Friday, Jan. 16 at an "open house" to be conducted by the Sheffield Motor Company.

With the new streamlined trucks — the first post-war products of the Ford Motor Company — as the main attraction the Sheffield Motor Company will welcome the public to its show room, service parts and accessory and used vehicle departments.

The showing will start at 7:30 a. m. and continue until 6:00 p. m. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

"We arranged an open house program for the public announcement of the 1948 truck line because we feel this is the most important new truck showing in Ford history," said E. L. Sheffield, partner in the dealership. "We are entering the greatest truck market of all time with the widest range of models and capacities Ford has ever produced. We expect to receive trucks in the coming months in quantities increased sufficiently to permit us to meet the heavy demand."

### Church Notice

Services will be held at the Grove Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, January 11 at 11:15. Postmaster Ferdie Johnson of Clinton will fill the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. G. Morrison.

### P. J. C. Goes Over The Top In Drive For Funds

Maxton, Jan. 5 — Presbyterian Junior College has successfully completed its campaign for a \$150,000 endowment to meet the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Announcement of attaining the goal in a drive that has been under way for several months was made today by Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Pate expressed thanks in behalf of the trustees "to all those whose gifts and efforts helped make the campaign a success."

Several days of grace were allowed to permit receipt of late donations before final tabulation was made. The closing date was December 31.

Out of the \$150,000.02 currently donated, \$3,148 is in pledges, \$42,548 in living endowment, and \$103,410.02 in cash and invested funds.

"It is to be hoped that late gifts will provide the fund a margin above the minimum needs," said Pate.

In making the announcement, Pate declared: "It is a pleasure to announce the success of the campaign. We hope other gifts will be sent in to provide a gratifying margin above the minimum goal. In the name of the trustees of Presbyterian Junior College, I wish to express our thanks to all those who gave of their means and time. This endowment will permit membership in the regional accrediting association and gives the college added stability and assured permanency. The new year opens the door of opportunity for greater educational excellence and increasing service to young people."

### New FCX Store Opens In Warsaw

D. C. Miller of Warsaw announces the opening of the Warsaw Farmers Exchange, The Exchange, a cooperative organization, is designed to eliminate the middle man, as far as possible, between the producer and the farmer in farm supplies.

D. C., better known as Charlie, has had a wide and varied experience in dealing with farmers and their problems. He is the son of Charles Miller of Warsaw. D. C. has been in the business since 1934 and has a long record of service to the farmer.

riculture in Bladen County. Prior to entering the Army he was associated with the Farm Security Administration in Franklin County. He was in service for 3½ years, 26 months of that time being in England.

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