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Have Your Car Checked Now In Kenansville; Law Requires It

Raleigh, N. C. — Arthur T. Moore, head of the Motor Vehicle Department's Mechanical Inspection Division, today announced the schedule for operation of 16 of the State's Mechanical Inspection Lanes.

Each lane is portable and will be transported from place to place in order to reach all vehicle owners. The schedules for these lanes take them through July 1.

The inspection program calls for the establishment and full-time operation of 36 lanes throughout the State. Moore said he would have the schedules for the remaining 20 lanes as soon as additional testing equipment is delivered.

Under the Motor Vehicle Mechanical Program, each motor vehicle registered in North Carolina must

be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

LANE 30, to cover Wayne, Duplin, and Jones; Lane opened in Kenansville on February 11, with Feb. 11-14 as period for orientation of mechanics and inspection of public-owned vehicles. Lane opened to the public on Feb. 16 and will continue open until March 5.

Lane moves to Goldsboro on Mar. 6; open to public-owned vehicles from Mar. 8-12; will open to public Mar. 13-April 12. Moves to Trenton and open to public Apr. 17-20. On April 22, the lane will return to Goldsboro with the following schedule: Goldsboro - April 22-May 22; Kenansville - May 25-June 18, and Trenton - June 21-29, and will return to Goldsboro on July 1.

Get Permit Before Starting Fire

County Warden Miller stated that as of February 1 until June 1, inclusive, it will be necessary for all people burning any brush to first obtain from him or a duly authorized agent a Burning Permit to start or cause to be started any fire in Duplin County.

The Law reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, or between the first day of October and the thirtieth day of November, inclusive, in any year without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

This section shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house.

Any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty (\$50) dollars or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days. (Chapter 14-139, General Statutes of N. C. as amended by Chapter 120 of Public Laws of 1939 Session.)

Permits can be obtained at the following towers in Pink Hill, Rose Hill, Chinquapin; and from the following agents: C. E. Stephens Store, Kenansville; Farmers Hide Co., Warsaw; H. A. Parkers Store, Bowden; H. B. Kornegay Store, Calypso; A. C. Hall Hide Store, Wallace; Dallas Jones, RFD Warsaw; Edgar S. English, RFD Wallace; B. V. Byrd, RFD Red Hill; and C. Mc. L. Batts, RFD Rose Hill.

Jerritt Reports On Red Cross Work

The first blood center in the Southeast operating under the new National Blood Program of the American Red Cross was opened February 17 in Atlanta, Ga., according to J. E. Jerritt, chairman of the Duplin County Red Cross Chapter.

The Atlanta center, which will serve 43 surrounding Red Cross chapters, is also one of the first centers to be opened in the country, he explained. He added that the Red Cross Program is expected to cover the entire Southeast and the rest of the nation within five years.

"We are looking for the day when the citizens of Duplin can participate in this new program undertaken by the Red Cross, which proved the job of supplying blood could be done by obtaining blood for the armed forces during the war," Mr. Jerritt said.

Tax Collector Reports Collecting

County Tax Collector Gilbert Alphin reported this week that his office had collected over last year each month since he took over.

Duplin Prisoner Is Killed By Guard

Raleigh, Feb. 18. — A guard today shot and killed a prisoner attempting to escape from the Union County prison camp near Monroe, chief prison inspection Kyle Matthews reported.

The prisoner was Robert McLean, 23, Duplin County Negro. Matthews said.

The guard, John C. Lemmons, shot McLean when he tried to run away while assigned to a work gang.

Prison records show McLean was sentenced in Duplin county last January 26, to 15 years for robbery with firearms, 10 years for assault with a deadly weapon and 5 years for assault with intent to kill.

Matthews reported that authorities had not found three long-term prisoners who escaped from the Pitt County camp late Monday.

Death Claims Rev. J. B. Sessoms

The death angel called at the home of Rev. J. B. Sessoms, beloved pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church, about noon on February 6, 1948, and called him to his Heavenly home. He died of a heart attack. He was a son of the late Andrew Jackson and Isabel Simmons Sessoms of Roseboro. He was twice married. On December 22, 1916 he was married to Miss Annie McLamb of Erwin. To them were born six children, all are living and are Edrich Sessoms of New York, Mrs. Milton Stephens of Erwin, J. B. Sessoms, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Clayton Murphy of Florence, S. C., Phillip Sessoms of Shaw Field, S. C., Frances Sessoms of Magnolia. Mrs. Sessoms died on May 1, 1935. On December 21, 1935 he was married to Mrs. Mary Holmes. She had seven children.

All are living and are Mrs. Linder Jackson, Philadelphia, Arctic Holmes, Benson, Mrs. Paul Gale, Clinton, Mrs. Helen East, Magnolia, Billie Holmes, New Mexico, Jurjene Holmes, Magnolia, Peggy Holmes, Magnolia. By their last marriage they had two sons, Robert and Richard Sessoms.

He had two sisters, Mrs. L. F. West of Erwin and Mrs. Simon Smith, Roseboro, and four brothers, W. P. of Erwin, A. P. and Fred of Greensboro, and Bernice Sessoms of Durham. In his youth days he was a barber in Greensboro. While there he heard an old preacher, A. M. Bowman, preach and the message convinced him of God's call to preach the gospel. He gave up his business and entered Campbell College to prepare for the ministry and graduated there. He was 32 years old when he began preaching and had preached 18 years. He preached his first sermon in Peters Creek Church, his first pastorates were in Browns Church and Mary's Chapel in New South River Association. In 1936 he came to the Eastern Association and his first churches were Poplar Grove, Mount Vernon and Beulah. He has served in Eastern also, New Hope, Turkey, Dobsons Chapel, Oak Vale, Concord and Magnolia. At the time of his home going he was serving New Hope, Concord, Poplar Grove and Magnolia.

He came to Magnolia in October 1938 and has served here 9 years. He served a church in Florence, S. C., a few months. The church here called him back. He returned, much to the pleasure of each church. He preached at each church. His churches went forward



LIONEL WEIL
Well known farmer, business man and merchant of Goldsboro who died last week.

Congressman Barden Will Run Again Faithfully Served For Seven Years

Congressman Graham A. Barden, of New Bern, stated this week that he will be a candidate for renomination and election to Congress (Hap) Barden is now serving his seventh term in Congress.

Mr. Barden has had very little trouble since the Abernathy affair and is expected to have no trouble, not even opposition this time.

Congressman Barden is one of the most popular Representatives this district has ever had and, according to all reports, his popularity is well earned. He is one of the hardest working men in Washington. His Secretary, Tom McGee, from Mt. Olive, is very efficient

and has aided him considerably. (EDITOR'S NOTE)

Last week we told you who we were supporting for Governor and we are just as strongly supporting "Hap" for Congress as long as he wants. Our experience with him is: If you need something done in Washington, that is in reason of course, call on Mr. Barden. Don't nag him, but just let him know what you need.

His interests are national, of course, but his constituents come first. An expression I heard him make: "All the folks in my district are good folks," and he meant it. J. R. G.

Navy Vets Read

Good Conduct Medals are now being issued to all qualified Navy veterans upon application, according to the Department of the Navy.

Veterans who meet the qualifications and have not previously issued this award, should make application to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Attention Pers-10, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., stating name, service number, rate and dates of enlistment and discharge.

In many ways under his leadership. He always brought very decided gospel messages. He held the confidence and love of his people. In behalf of his churches we extend sympathy to his family. All their children, his brothers and a host of friends and other relatives were here after his death. On account of the snow, his remains lay in State in the home till Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. when the funeral was conducted in the Baptist church in the presence of a large congregation, and he was carried to and buried in Antioch Church Cemetery. Rev. G. Vann Stephens, and Rev. Gilmer Beck of Warsaw, and Rev. J. V. Case of Rose Hill had charge of the funeral. The pallbearers were O. G. Bradshaw, J. E. Tucker, Harold Ezell, Homer Taylor, Irksome Rouse and R. G. Tucker.

The great number of floral offerings were beautiful and each flower seemed to express sympathy and love. The flower girls were the young girls of the Sunday School.

The family of the late Rev. J. B. Sessoms wish to express their deep gratitude to all of the many friends who were so kind during their sorrow.

Eldrich and J. B. Sessoms, Jr., attended the burial of their uncle, Mr. Bob McRae last Saturday at Antioch Church cemetery where Mr. Sessoms was buried on Thursday. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Sessoms and was here on Thursday. He died of a heart attack on Friday. His home was near Lillington.

Wolfscrape Man Killed By Brother While Killing Hogs; Shooting Accidental

Archie Moody, a resident of Wolfscrape Township, was fatally injured Monday by his brother, who shot him in the head with a 22 rifle. The shooting was ruled purely accidental by Coroner C. B. Sitter.

His brothers, Jodie, Joseph, Jr. and Harvey, all present, knew this to be an accident, rushed him to Mt. Olive for medical attention, but he was dead upon arriving there.

Archie Moody, a resident of Wolfscrape Township, 38 years of age, leaves a wife, Mrs. Myrtle Moody and two children. They live about 8 miles east of Mt. Olive.

As Harvey attempts to shoot the second hog, Archie raised up just in time for the bullet to strike him; about two inches behind the right ear.

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City Of Goldsboro Thanks Faison For Offer Of Help

February 10, 1948
Mr. P. G. Adams
Chief of Fire Department
Faison, North Carolina
My dear Chief:

I hasten to write you to thank you and the men of your department who so generously offered the services of yourselves and your fire equipment on the occasion of the fire at Weil's store here on yesterday evening, February 9, 1948.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Town of Faison, Attention Mayor Groome, and a copy of which I am transmitting to the Duplin Times, which attempts to show our very real and deep appreciation of your great kindness to us.

The City of Goldsboro wishes you to know that we stand ready to answer any and all calls from the great town of Faison at any and all times and under any and all circumstances.

Sincerely,
Scott B. Berkeley, Mayor

February 10, 1948
The Town of Faison

Faison, North Carolina
Attention: Mayor L. D. Groome
'Gentlemen'

Please accept the thanks of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, for your magnificent gesture in offering the services of your fire equipment and the personnel of your Fire Department under the able leadership of Fire Chief P. G. Adams on the occasion of the disastrous fire suffered by us here on the afternoon and evening of February 9, 1948 when Weil's department store burned to the ground.

We do appreciate from the bottom of our hearts your willingness to stand by and answer our call should the need have arisen.

Goldsboro will be eternally grateful to you for this grand gesture of friendship; and you may rest assured that we stand ready at any and all times to aid you in any emergency which your great City might suffer at any time and under any circumstances.

Gratefully yours,
Scott B. Berkeley, Mayor

Rose Hill Civitan Club Presents Miss Jerome

The Civitan Club of Rose Hill is going to present Miss Douglass Jerome in a vocal concert on March 8, 1948, at 8:00 P. M. in the Rose Hill Theatre.

Miss Jerome was born in Wallace

and lived in Rose Hill for a number of years and at present her home is in Ashland, Virginia. She is studying voice in New York and has sung with Phil Sitalmy's orchestra and chorus.

School Time Loss Make-up To Be Left Up To Each Community

Supt. O. P. Johnson announced last night that schools in Duplin will operate each Saturday until the local committees at each school can get together and decide just what they want to do. If they want

to continue operating on Saturdays or extend the lost time to the end of the term, it is up to them.

Mr. Johnson and all principals in the county came to this decision at a meeting yesterday afternoon.

Farm Leader To Speak At Friendship

Mr. John W. Goodman, Assistant Director of the State College Extension Service, will speak at a meeting of farmers and their wives at Friendship Church Friday night, Feb. 20 at 7:30. Mr. Goodman will lead a forum on farm problems with a view of suggesting ways of increasing farm income and standards of living.

This series of farmers' forums is an experimental project being sponsored by the Social Action Committee of Friendship Church and is being closely observed by the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. Already this central board has sent a representative from Nashville, Tenn. to attend one of the forums and has received numerous reports from the local leaders.

This project is being carried out to determine ways in which the church can render economic assistance, as well as spiritual guidance, to the surrounding parish. The findings of the experiment will be passed on to the General Board and then through the literature of the church to all Methodist Churches of the nation. Similar projects are being carried out in other states in the southern and eastern sections of the United States, but this experiment in Duplin County is the only such sponsored by the Methodist Church in North Carolina.

All farmers, farm wives, and those interested in farm problems are invited to attend Friday night's meeting.

Jurors For March Term County Court

Jurors named for duty for the March term of County Court are as follows:

H. B. Carter, J. J. Ward, J. G. Raynor, Jesse D. Thompson, A. B. Wells, Albert L. Sanderson, W. F. Clifton, H. C. Cooke, Bland Bussey, J. A. Wilson, Daniel Crews, Earl Williams, O. H. James, Jr., G. S. Herring, Lewis Ray West, Jesse Lauer, A. R. Brown, Hugh Stroud, C. I. Colverson, Emmett Herring.

J. M. Sandlin, William H. Register, Walter L. Bostic, E. L. Turner, and Furney M. Harper.

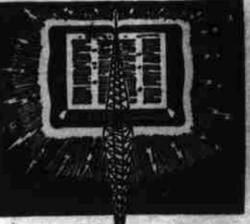
Last Minute SPOT

A 4 months old negro child was found dead in Beulaville. Foul play feared. Officers have no details.

Negro man found dead in sewer pipe in Faison. No details.

HEAR The Baptist Hour

Sunday morning at 8:30 O'clock



February 22, 1948
Speaker Dr. T. F. Adams
Richmond, Virginia
Subject: "Marriages Are Made"
Heard over Station WPTW

'Marriages' Subject Baptist Hour

"Marriages Are Made" is the subject of "The Baptist Hour" for February 22nd, with Dr. T. F. Adams of Richmond, Va. as speaker. Heard over station WPTW at 8:30 A. M. "The Baptist Hour" series, "Divine Light For Daily Living," considers one of the most vital problems of our day, the home, in the last two Sundays of February. Dr. Adams, who will be heard both weeks, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond and is one of the most popular speakers ever to appear on "The Baptist Hour."

BOB GRADY SAYS

OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Since arriving in Kenansville I have blasted our health office; I have praised another. Our health department has been in a more or less deplorable condition since its inception. I believe, however, I have one apology to make. I once stated that if another Duplin doctor was named health officer I was going to raise pluperfect hell.

As I observe the set up now - the personnel and - the system they have, I feel Dr. G. V. Gooding is the best health officer Duplin has ever had. If he will keep up the good work the future health of Duplin should improve rapidly.

A few days ago the telephone rang. On the other end of the line was a friend of mine saying: "I am in your kitchen with some fresh. Where do you want it?" "Anywhere," I said. "Just so you leave it." On returning home, I found a tremendous backbone, sausage, liver pudding, etc. The friend was Bill Williamson. He and his father killed hogs that day. Any more "Bills" in the county?

Minor Accident Could've Been Major Accident

Five persons narrowly escaped death Sunday night in Warsaw when Dean Sutton, Negro, pulled a pistol on his wife and said he was going to kill her. Officers said he was dinking.

In the room was a No. 2 kerosene lamp. Her brother, Leslie Smith, grabbed the lamp and threw it at Dean, striking him on the head. It so happened that the flame went out in the lamp's journey to its victim.

Sutton is out under a \$200 bond.

Names Managers

Raleigh, Feb. 19. — House Speaker Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount and State Senator Oscar L. Richardson of Monroe plotted their strategy today after being named campaign managers by gubernatorial candidate Charles M. Johnson.

State Treasurer Johnson said Pearsall will be manager and Richardson associate manager of the campaign.

Johnson was first of the five candidates for governor to name his pilots. Other candidates are W. Kerr Scott, former agriculture commissioner from Hawfields; R. Wayne Albright of Raleigh; Oscar Barker of Durham and Olin Ray Boyd of Pinetown.