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## Duplin County Is For Charlie M. Johnson

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By JOHN SIKES

Quite inadvertently, if Editor Bob Grady will permit me to get by with so flimsy an excuse, I have had to forego the pleasure of appearing in these columns for the past couple of weeks.

If you knew how much a columnist desires to see his brain-child appearing in the light of day via the newspaper columns, you'd understand how much I regret having skipped a couple of issues.

By the time this appears, if, indeed, Editor Grady forgives my waywardness enough to permit it to appear at all, the folks of Duplin County, and of course the State, will be casting their votes in one of the most hectic primaries in recent years.

I don't make any pretense at being a political prognosticator, but it is my hope — and prediction for what it may be worth — that our friend, Charlie Johnson, will come out on top in the gubernatorial race.

First off, Cousin Charlie, as I have called him since I went over the State with him some years back making a talk here and there before this group or that, seems to me to be something of a home candidate for this section of the State. And I always feel, if you'll permit me to be somewhat mercenary, that when you have a man in high office from your own section you might expect some consideration from his administration.

That, of course, isn't the only reason I hope Cousin Charlie becomes Governor. For many years he has proved his knowledge of State Government through actual experience in working his way up through various State jobs to the important one of Treasurer.

Whether we realize it, the Government is one of the largest, if not the very largest, industries we have. I don't think anybody would deliberately put a man who didn't have a lot of experience of actual working with such a large industry at that industry's head.

That, in effect, is the main reason I would like to see Cousin Charlie as top man.

But getting back to my first premise: that of getting our State Administration to do a few needed things for our County.

Of course, most any county in the State could set forth that it was neglected by the State Administration in the matter of highways and services.

But I have just come back from trips that have covered a goodly part of the State and I don't believe I saw any one county which has been so much neglected in important farm-to-market roads as much as Duplin.

In so many counties it is almost impossible to get off at least a "back top" road between the outlying farm sections and the market towns. In Duplin we seem to be suffering from a lack of these farm-to-market roads.

I believe Cousin Charlie will give us a lot of help in these roads.

One other thing: One of Cousin Charlie's main platform planks is his promise to aid in the maintenance of school buildings. That, too, we need badly in Duplin and I believe we'll get it from an administration headed by Cousin Charlie.

### Cancer Drive Over Top!

The Duplin County Cancer Drive closed last week with total collections amounting to \$962.44. The goal for Duplin was \$700.00.

The largest collection in the county was by the town of Wallace with Mrs. Willis Fowle, Jr., chairman.

J. E. Jerritt, county chairman, wishes to extend sincere appreciation to all directors of the communities and all donors of each community.

Following is a list of collections by districts:

Wallace, \$351.80; Warsaw, 144.35; B. F. Grady, 104.94; Rose Hill, 79.10; Beulaville, 78.30; Faison, 63.60; Cherry, 51.80; Kenansville, 41.25.



Scene in Presbyterian church at Faison, Sunday May 16, when Hon. John Sprunt Hill delivered an address on the settlement of the Faison family in this section. Mr. Hill, a native of Faison, now an industrialist of Durham, is seen sitting in the center. To his right is Mrs. Marshall Williams of Faison, who presided at the meeting.

### Wallace Girl Drowns Wrightsville Beach Another Wallace Girl Saved By Kramer

According to reports reaching Kenansville on Thursday morning the body of Emily Farrior of Wallace who was drowned at Wrightsville Beach Tuesday morning was found Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock, about a quarter of a mile from the spot where she went under. Frances Johnson of Wallace, located the body from his airplane.

Emily Farrior, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farrior of Wallace, was drowned Tuesday morning at Wrightsville Beach and a classmate from Wallace, Joyce Whaley, was pulled from the ocean just in the nick of time by Hyman Kramer of Whiteville, brother of Harry Kramer of Wallace. Kramer was nearly exhausted in getting the Whaley girl out. He tried to save the Farrior girl but could not.

The following account of the tragedy appeared in Wednesday's Wilmington Star:

Almost losing his life in the heroic effort, a 27-year-old Whiteville man yesterday saved a young Wallace girl from possible death in the surf at Wrightsville Beach, but was unable to rescue a second girl who apparently drowned.

Wrightsville Beach police listed the victim as Emily Farrior, 14, also of Wallace. They said Hyman Kramer of Whiteville pulled Joyce Whaley from the water just in time to save her life.

Planes and boats swept the area yesterday, but no clue to the girl's body was found, police said.

Both girls were members of a school class from Wallace which were visiting at the cottage of Har-

ry E. Kramer of Wallace. Mrs. Ed. Yearby of Raleigh, occupying an apartment in the building said she heard cries for help from the beach near the Atlantic View pier and that she ran to the surf in time to see Kramer go into the water with his clothes on to save the two drowning girls.

Kramer, exhausted, succeeded in pulling the young Whaley girl to the shore, but almost lost his own life in doing so.

Quickly summoned Wrightsville Beach police obtained a 300-yard fishing net, secured a boat and began dragging operations in an effort to locate the body.

Members of the Wallace police and fire department, notified of the tragedy, went to Wrightsville and joined in the search along with planes. Boats were still out searching last night but no trace of the girl had been found.

The Whaley girl, police said, was taken to the Babies hospital at Wrightsville Sound where she was treated and later released.

### James Turner Is Caught In The Act

James T. Turner, Negro, of near Wallace is free under bond after having been caught operating a still. It was a steel outfit. Seven barrels of beer were confiscated.

Officers Wagstaff and Kiser made the arrest. They said he was in the act of pouring the mash into the still.

### Artificial Breeding Association To Be Formed At Wallace; Meet June 1, 8 P.M.

Mr. Melvin G. Cording, has arranged for a meeting to be held in Wallace High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. on June 1, for the purpose of organizing an Artificial Breeding Association. All farmers and dairymen in Duplin and other southeastern counties, who are interested in improving the dairy cows in this section should attend and help get the association organized.

Mr. J. A. Arey, Dairy Specialist from State College, will be present and explain the operation of an Artificial Breeding Association and what it would mean to the farmers of eastern North Carolina.

By using bulls that have proven their ability to transmit high milk production with their offspring, the average milk production per cow would be increased very much. The services of these good bulls can be made available to all farmers at a reasonable price.

This meeting should be interesting and helpful to all farmers owning milk cows and everyone is urged to attend.

Assistant County Agent, V. H. Reynolds.

MR. CORDING SAYS: Mr. M. G. Cording, President of the Duplin Dairy Products Company says:

"As you know, the big advantage in artificial insemination lies in the fact that the average dairymen

unable to own a proven sire because of the price that such a bull commands, can avail himself of the use of these sires at a nominal fee and greatly improve the production capacity of his herd. On the average, only two bulls out of six improve the production of the daughters over the dams, two will maintain the same level and two will lower this production level. By the use of this program, all dairymen will have the opportunity to use semen from these proven sires and by proven sires we mean sires, whose daughters have proven that they produce more than their dams.

Another advantage is that it eliminates keeping a bull. A bull may be both expensive to feed and dangerous to handle.

The program to be followed is simply this: when a cow is in heat he leaves word at some central point, possibly the county agents office by ten o'clock in the morning. The technician then comes out and inseminates the cow, using semen from whatever breed the dairy man wants. This service will cost the dairymen around seven dollars, depending on the number of cows enrolled and the distance of travel.

I know of no other plan in which we can build up the production of our dairy cattle as rapidly as we can by the use of artificial insemination.

### Glisson Veteran Kills Self As Father Looks On; Told Visitor Watch Him

Wayne Gainus, about 31 years old, shot and killed himself Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock at his home in Glisson Township, while his aged father, John Henry Gainus, and his landlord, Clayton Summerlin of Mt. Olive, looked on.

Gainus told the men, who had just arrived in the yard, that they could "see the job well done". His father said, "Son, there is no need doing such a fool trick as that." With that, the men said, he sat down on the edge of the porch, took the double-barreled 12 gauge shotgun, placed the muzzle over his heart and pulled the trigger with his toe.

Mr. Summerlin said he had driven to Gainus' home to see the tobacco there, and had just driven into the yard when the young man's father walked up. The victim, who lived alone in the house, walked out onto the porch and made his statement. Before either of them could reach him he had shot him-

self, death coming instantly. It was reported that the man had told relatives earlier Sunday that he was going to kill himself. No reason for the act could be given, although he was said to have suffered ill health since his release from the Army in the recent World War. He served for six years.

Coroner C. B. Sitterson visited the scene, which is near Scotts Store, and ruled the death suicide and no inquest necessary.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of a brother, J. D. Gainus, Rt. 1, Seven Springs. The Rev. W. M. Watson, Pentecostal Holiness preacher of Pink Hill officiated and interment was in the Turner cemetery near Maxwell Mill.

Gainus was a veteran of World War II. He received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in the Battle of the Bulge, and was a prisoner of war for approximately six months.

### 63-Year-Old White Man Charged With Attempted Rape On 15-Year-Old Girl

Ellis Jarman, 63-year-old white man, was released from jail here Tuesday under a \$2500 bond and two charges. He is charged with an attempted rape of a 15 year old white girl at pistol point and driving drunk. On a second charge he is indicted for impersonating an officer.

Jarman was arrested Monday by officer G. B. Collins of Albertson township and lodged in jail here.

At a hearing before C. B. Sitterson, sitting as a community magistrate in Kenansville, the girl, Eva Skinner, young and feeble-minded, testified that she was at home on Saturday night, in Albertson township, alone with a child. Someone

knocked at the door and on answering was asked to go for a ride. She refused. The visitor then pulled and pointed a pistol at her and told her he was "Red" Collins, an officer and ordered her to get in his car. She grabbed the child and fled to a neighbor's house. Jarman then drove off. He was accompanied by a man named Quinn, who was a State witness against him.

The girl told her story to the neighbors and soon a search was underway. Jarman will be tried in the July term of court. He is married and has a family. He operates a blacksmith shop at Hussey's Store near Seven Springs.

### SATURDAY IS ELECTION DAY; BE YE PREPARED; GO TO THE POLLS; VOTE

Saturday is election day in Duplin and all over North Carolina.

Technically it is the Democratic Primary but a Democratic Primary in Duplin and North Carolina is tantamount to election.

Among the masses the gubernatorial election takes the high spot with six contestants: Chas. M. Johnson, W. Kerr Scott, W. Mayne Albright, Oscar Barker, "Bill" Stanley, and O. R. Boyd.

Second in interest is the race for United States Senator between Wm. Umstead and J. M. Broughton. Congressman Graham Barden has no opposition. There is no contest

in County Officers.

Two Commissioner Districts have contests. Arthur Whitfield is opposed by Dallas Jones in the Kenansville-Magnolia-Rose Hill District; Tyson Lanier is opposed by Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville, Albro James and L. G. Williams of Chinguapin.

It is predicted that a very heavy vote will be cast in the county, some saying as high as 6,000.

Returns will be tabulated in the court house here as fast as they are reported. All Precinct election officials are requested to report their count as quickly as possible.

### Mass TB Survey Planned For County; To Begin On June 25

The local Health Department announces that beginning June 25th a mass X-Ray Survey of Duplin County will be put on to determine the number of people, white and colored, who are infected with TB.

The program is sponsored by the Federal government, in connection with the State Health Department in cooperation with the local Health Department.

Duplin is fortunate in getting this service at this time.

The federal government will send a trailer, fully equipped and manned by experts for the job. No

person under 15 years old will be x-rayed.

There will be four units working in the county. 15 people make up the personnel to be aided by members of the local health department. And volunteers in each community. There will be no charge for the X-Ray and no obligation placed on those taking it.

Duplin's interest in TB work has attracted State Health officials to such an extent that it is among the first counties in Eastern Carolina to receive the service.

### Vote To Outlaw Sale Of Beer In Duplin Expected To Be Called Soon

Duplin Dry Forces have been circulating a petition for several weeks calling for a county-wide referendum to outlaw the sale of beer in Duplin. It requires the names of 15% of the voters to demand a special election. Attorney James A. Powers of Wallace has reported that the necessary number of names have been secured and he

will turn in the petition to E. Walker Stevens, Chairman of the Board of Elections, in a few days.

The law requires the election cannot be held within 30 days of a primary or general election.

It is estimated the special election will cost the County \$1500 to \$2,000.00.

### Editorial



CHAS. M. JOHNSON

It is usually a good business policy among newspapers to play a neutral role in all political campaigns. There are two main reasons for this. The newspaper has subscribers in all camps and it should not try to influence either side. The other reason, and of course the main reason, is that if the paper sides with one candidate it will lose business from the other. The latter reason is generally correct.

The Duplin Times ignored these professional warnings in the present race for governor and has found that the proverbial press teachings did not apply in Duplin. We have openly, from the start, endorsed Chas. M. Johnson for governor. We have run ads for Johnson free of charge, as well as paid.

In fact, that Johnson ad you will read in this issue is donated by The Times. At the same time, however, we have had paid advertising from the supporters of W. Kerr Scott. Reason? They knew how to get their messages to the people of Duplin County.

We are supporting Charlie Johnson for governor because we firmly believe he is the best qualified of all candidates to serve the people of North Carolina for the next four years. In believing this we do not question the ability or integrity of Scott and the other candidates. We believe North Carolina has advanced good men for the job this time. We also believe every voter should go to the polls and vote, and vote their conscientious convictions, regardless of outside influences.

We believe it is the duty and obligation of every voter to study the qualifications of each candidate and vote for the one whom he or she thinks will or can do the most for the State of North Carolina during the next four years. It's not necessary for us to restate the qualifications of Chas. M. Johnson now. They have been pointed out to you for the past several weeks and we believe you have studied them and have made up your minds in the interest of our State. We believe that you will go out and vote Saturday and that Duplin will roll up the largest Primary vote in its history. We believe (not wishful thinking) that Charlie Johnson will carry every precinct in Duplin County and will do so on his merits. As one voter stated a few days ago that Johnson was going to carry Duplin, not because so much of those working for him, but because of the calibre of the man who is running.

Charlie is our neighbor and friend. In our opinion he is the best qualified of the group. We again urge you to give a fair study and consideration to all candidates and if you do so we believe you will cast your vote Saturday for the next Governor of North Carolina, Chas. M. Johnson.

### DAIL REUNION

The annual Dail reunion was held Sunday, May 23rd at the old home place near Kenansville where Ernest "Slim" Dail now lives. There were fifty or sixty members of the immediate family present and a sumptuous dinner was served.

Wage rates paid by North Carolina farmers were higher on April 1 than a year ago. The average rate per month without board increased from \$73.50 to \$85.00.

### Duplin Red Cross Annual Meeting Announced June 4

The annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter, American Red Cross will meet in the Courthouse here at 7:30 P. M. Friday night, June 4th, it has been announced.

All officers are expected to be present and give brief reports of the past year's work.

Chapter Chairman, J. E. Jerritt, urges a large turnout for this meeting.

### Bible School Commencement

Sunday, May 30 at 6:30 P. M.

Bible School Commencement will be combined with the customary fifth Sunday community gathering. Every family in Kenansville is a part of this group, every adult, every child. It will be held in the Methodist church. Bring a picnic supper.

There will also be a very important meeting of parents who have children of Youth Fellowship age immediately following supper.

### Divorce Costs Marine \$2,500

Marine B. T. Baldwin, white, stationed at Cherry Point, is free again after a hearing before Justice C. B. Sitterson in Kenansville on a charge of being married to two women.

About seven years ago Baldwin was married to Miss Lela Gertie Hobbs. He was living in Virginia when he joined the Marines. While in service he returned home to visit his wife on a number of occasions and wrote love letters to her in the meantime. They had an invalid child.

Mrs. Baldwin secured a job in Tennessee and was working there, satisfied that her husband was true to her.

Marine Baldwin became interested in another woman at Cherry Point and decided he wanted to marry her. He employed Chas. L. Abernathy, Jr., of New Bern to institute divorce proceedings.

The proceedings took place in Kenansville where Abernathy represented his client as a resident of North Carolina and contended he and his wife had been separated for two years. The divorce was granted.

His first wife, on learning of the action, came here to investigate. She hired a lawyer here and produced the letters he had written to her. The court set aside the divorce decree. The plaintiff had him arrested and he was brought back for a hearing. In the meantime his second wife had become pregnant.

In the final round-up a divorce was granted on condition he pay his first wife \$2,500 in cash.

L. C. Newman of New Bern paid \$1,000 and signed his bond guaranteeing that \$1,500 additional be paid in September. He was taxed with the cost. Marine Baldwin is now happily joined with his second wife.

### Beulavillites Claim Kennedy To Win

Reports from Limestone and Cypress Creek Townships indicate a close race for County Commissioner for that district. Friends of Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville claim he will come out victor over his three opponents, Tyson Lanier, incumbent, Albro James and G. D. Williams.

Mr. Kennedy is the son of Rev. Robert Kennedy. Born and reared near Beulaville, he is now a merchant in Beulaville and is just completing an attractive home in that town.

Mr. Kennedy is a director of the Clinton National Farm Loan Association and the Kenansville Production Credit Association. He is a deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church, a Mason and member of The Woodmen of the World.