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The Pageant Of Duplin Is On The Way

Sam Byrd, Son Of Duplin, Says He Can Do It, And He Will

Sam Byrd, noted playwright and author, a son of Duplin, was in Kenansville Monday morning. Sam was here in the interest of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Duplin County, which is scheduled to be held some time next year. Mr. Byrd was born near Beaufort, raised there and in Mount Olive. He wrote "Small Town South" a book whose background was laid in Mount Olive, Seven Springs and Duplin County. If you haven't read it, you should.

Also Sam produced and played the leading role in "Tobacco Road" in New York for about 8 years. He is interested in writing a pageant for Duplin which will depict the history of the county and bring out many of the leading families. Also he wants to direct the show. He has in mind about a three day and night affair. To put it over as he thinks it should be, it will take six months or more to write and produce it. He wants to use all local talent. He says he can get reporters from four leading newspapers in New York, maybe two from Washington and Life Magazine to cover it. He thinks it is strong enough to attract the President of the United States here for the opening night. Also he has in mind an air show for the day and other attractive entertainments. Sam says it is something that will give nationwide attention to Kenansville and Duplin.

Register of Deeds A. T. Outlaw, who has the history of our county very well written up, has agreed to allow the author to use his notes. When arrangements have been completed Author Byrd will take a three months leave of absence from the College of Charleston, S. C., where he is now professor, and come to Duplin to do the work. Noted playwright Paul Green of Chapel Hill, author of "The Lost Colony", has offered his cooperation.

Mr. Byrd says that he plans to write the pageant in a manner that his publisher will print it in book form so that everyone who wants it may have one.

The Duplin Times is beginning to make plans for a 100 page edition on the celebration. Miss Gertrude Carraway, noted historical writer of New Bern, will probably have a hand in the Times' edition.

Farmers Urged To Act Now By Farm Bureau

Elizabethtown, N. C. — Leaders of seven county Farm Bureaus met here Aug. 24 and were told that "our gains will be temporary unless we act now to safeguard them". A. C. Edwards, of Hookerton, N. C., Farm Bureau Vice-President and Membership Chairman, was the speaker and added: "We must work hand-in-hand. We must pull together if we expect to maintain a decent living for ourselves and our families on our farms."

The meeting, presided over by James Monroe of Elizabethtown, RFD, and attended by more than 50 persons was one of five district sessions being held at that time in preparation for the annual state-wide membership campaign. Farm Bureau members will open the drive the first week in September. Counties represented at this meeting were Bladen, Brunswick, Duplin, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender, and Sampson.

Rev. Cline At Duke Seminar

The Rev. John Cline of Kenansville, has recently participated in a seminar sponsored by the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church and Duke University at Durham, N. C. on the theme, "Christian Basis for Public Education."

Noted Evangelist Be At Dobson Chapel

Rev. G. G. Lanter, Baptist minister and Evangelist of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. will conduct a revival meeting at the Dobson's Chapel Church September 5th, through September 12th, 1948. The first sermon will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

Mr. Lanter was reared in Ashland, Ky. After finishing college, he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. for three years. In manner he is quiet, dignified and scholarly. Nevertheless, he has great power and his eloquent messages are delivered with much zeal and fervor. Residents of Rose Hill may recall that he held a meeting in the Rose Hill Baptist Church several years ago.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to hear this fine and successful preacher in his great messages. Come early and enjoy good singing and fellowship. Re-

member the first service will be at 8 o'clock next Sunday night, Sept. 5th.



REV. G. G. LANTER

BOB GRADY SAYS

We like to pass bouquets, but not too frequently. We have been observing Rivers Johnson for quite a while. As we observe the progress of the Pinyatello case we see much more. Rivers is undoubtedly one of the greatest criminal lawyers North Carolina has ever produced. His knowledge of the law is almost unsurpassed but his knowledge of human nature goes even further. It is very interesting to observe Rivers defending and Judge Henry Stevens sitting on the bench. This writing is on Wednesday, before jury has been completely selected. Duplin can be justly proud of its legal talent.

Yes, Mr. Torquemada, I have read Ecclesiastes and I have read Voltaire. I think I get your point. Your quotation from Ecclesiastes is contradictory to my point of thought. We all need and want money but when we put money first it brings on other things. As I said I may be a hypocrite but if so I am the one who will have to pay for it. We enjoyed your column and hope you will continue it. I agree with you that a newspaper should give both sides and let it fall where it may. But there is one pleasure, if there is a pleasure, in being a newspaperman, you can print what you want to. Don't we all have this certain amount of "I want to?"

It's been an old and traditional custom in this section for folks to "come to town on Saturday." In days gone by it worked out best; consequently the tradition. In recent years the merchants have recognized that their clerks needed some time off besides on Sunday and began giving them Wednesday afternoons off. If they wanted a garden they would have a half-day during the week to work.

As post-war readjustments begin to present themselves it appears to us that if a half-day is going to be taken off it could be done on Saturday as well as Wednesday. This would give everyone concerned a full day and a half off in which they could do their work or make a trip, or do what they pleased. This business of closing a half day during the middle of the week is becoming a nuisance to the merchant, his clerks and the farmers. What do you think? Business is going to be done whether it is on Monday or Saturday.

I knew a newspaper reporter once. He would have made a good editor but he loved reporting. He was a member of the fire department of Wilson and leading fraternal orders. He worked hard. His soul was in his work. He had a dream to write something that would have become permanent to the world. He was a dreamer with a pen.

School Opening Delayed Again

Kenansville, N. C. September 2, 1948 To The Principals of the Schools:

Greetings: There are three new cases of Polio in the county, and Dr. Gooding, after talking with several other doctors of the county has suggested that we delay the opening of school until September 16. You are instructed to delay opening until that date.

It will be a big help to us in setting up our books if you will forward to us by return mail a list of your teachers. We need this information at once, and your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated.

I have been advised that some of the Negro Veteran Schools started classes yesterday. Your school, including instructors, will not start until you are authorized to start from this office. Also the veterans will not get subsistence until our contract is approved by the Veterans Administration. We expect this to be done in time for us to start on September 20.

This year, we will pay no invoices for the Negro Veteran Schools unless we have approved the purchase. We will place all orders for supplies, etc.

Cordially yours, O. P. Johnson, Supt. Duplin County Schools.

Grand Jury Ask For Air-Conditioning

The Grand Jury in its Report Tuesday recommended that the court room be air conditioned. The jurors were thanked by Judge Stevens for agreeing with him that this was necessary. They were further thanked for their splendid work and dismissed.

A true bill was returned in the case of the State vs Leaham Hous-ton charging murder in the first degree.

Clinic Change

Clinics formerly held each Wednesday afternoon in Beulaville and B. F. Grady will be held each Monday beginning August 30. Beulaville - 11:00 to 12:00 Noon. B. F. Grady - 1:00 to 2:00 P. M.

School Teachers

Dr. G. V. Gooding, Health Officer, announces that school teachers in Duplin County may obtain their health certificates from the Health Department in Kenansville each Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Kenneth Taylor Named National Secty. Mail Carriers Association

At the National Convention of Rural Letter Carriers recently held in Saint Paul, Minn., Mr. Kenneth Taylor of Magnolia, N. C. was elected unanimously as National Secretary of the Association. He has served two years as National Committeeman. His new assignment will make it necessary for him to live in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Taylor has served as Rural Carrier at Magnolia for about 30 years and his knowledge of the Rural Service "from the ground up" will be of great assistance to him in his new work.

His election is a great honor to him and the other Rural Carriers of the state, yet his many friends will regret to see him leave the state and the good wishes of all will attend him in his new work.



KENNETH TAYLOR

Well Known Pink Hill Theatre Operator Named Director of New Organization

C. B. Hayworth, resident of Pink Hill, and owner of the Drive In Theatres in Pink Hill and Clinton, was named a member of the board of directors of the newly formed "Drive In Theatre Owners Association" at a meeting held in Charlotte on August 30th.

"Sea Bee" says 50 theatre operators from North and South Carolina were present. It is the first organization of its kind ever formed in this section. The following officers were elected: R. O. Jeffress of Charlotte, President; Hoop Jer-nigan of Lancaster, S. C. Vice-President for South Carolina; L. L. Theimer of Charlotte, Vice-President for North Carolina; and A. W.

Bell of Charlotte, secretary-Treasurer. Directors named were: C. B. Hayworth of Pink Hill; Fred Sessions of Winston-Salem; Ben Allen of Charlotte; Howard McNally of Fayetteville; Ben Pless of Asheville; Bob Rogers of Cheraw, S. C.; and J. Frances White of Charlotte.

The next general meeting of the organization is scheduled to be held in Charlotte on December 6. The Board of Directors will meet in Charlotte on September 6.

Duplin should be proud that C. B. Hayworth is on the Board of Directors. He is an outstanding showman and is making quite a contribution to the town of Pink Hill.

Duplin Votes Overwhelmingly Dry

The dry forces of Duplin county joined eight other counties in scoring a sweeping victory Saturday in beer-and-wine referendums, according to unofficial returns. The dry majorities ranged from 12 to 1 in Madison county to 2 to 1 in Duplin.

Results in Duplin county showed that of the 20 precincts, three voted wet and 15 voted dry. Dries won five preceding elections held last winter in Bladen,

Graham, Pender, Robeson. Swain county is still under litigation.

The recent elections, on beer and wine, will be the last to be held this year as the law provides that such referendum cannot be held within 60 of another election, and the general election is coming up on November 2.

The Duplin Times predicted a majority for the Dries of 75%. It went dry 71%.

Drys Vs Wets At Magnolia Election

By Miss Macy Cox

At least one hundred and eighty six voters are rejoicing over the election held Saturday in Magnolia and many other who did not vote. Eighty-four voters are not so well pleased. We consider the election a great success and fair in every way. There were no unfair plays in the county, nothing for criticism, nothing the least bit sneaking, no untrue facts presented and the whole thing is a credit to the County. It was managed in high order.

At the meeting in the Baptist Church Friday night, Miss Macy Cox read the article Mr. Bob Grady wrote in the Duplin Times of his refusal to print articles in his paper for the Beer and Wine supporters. The entire congregation stood in expression of their appreciation of his refusal, and to inform him of their act. Good for you, Mr. Grady. Thanks to Mr. Teachey, County Chairman, and to Mr. Wood, County Secretary and Treasurer.

Orders Being Taken For Baby Beeves Now In 4-H Baby Beef Projects

Orders are now being taken for 4-H Baby Beef calves. Any 4-H boy or girl desiring to feed beef calves for one of the Fat Stock Shows next spring may place their order for calves at the County Agents Office in Kenansville by September 15. A \$10.00 deposit is required with each order.

This should be a good year to feed a calf since meat is scarce and feed is cheaper than it has been. We don't think there will be as many calves in the shows next year and they should sell good. We plan to buy calves weighing between 400 and 600 pounds, and they will probably cost 28 to 30 cents per pound.

The final date for taking orders was extended to September 15, because the beef cattle growers were not ready to sell on September 1.

Watch Out Drivers More Patrolmen

Raleigh, Sept. 1 — Forty-seven new State Highway Patrolmen were sworn in here today in ceremonies in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The new men graduated last week in a class of 61 from a six weeks' Highway Patrol Training School at Chapel Hill. The remaining 14 graduates are being held on reserve and will be called as soon as vacancies occur.

In addition to careful selection given each applicant prior to entrance into the Patrol Training School, the Patrol also demanded rigorous physical and intelligence tests.

Murder Trial Of Joseph And Tony Pinyatello Called On 2nd Day Of Court

By Emory Sadler

The case of Joseph and Tony Pinyatello, of Bowden, was called Tuesday morning. They are charged with the first degree murder of Harry Anderson, also of Bowden, on February 2nd of this year. Examination of prospective jurors was begun at about 10:30 o'clock. After the regular jurors for the term were called, examined and all excused without getting a juror. The calling of the Special Venire of 275 was begun and it was not until the 39th man was called that the first juror - J. W. Johnson - was accepted and sworn. The next to be accepted and sworn was the 88th man examined - Simpson Harper; then quickly the 90th man called - B. F. Evans - was accepted and sworn. At this time the three jurors were ordered locked up for the night and court was adjourned until 9:30 Wednesday morning. All women on the regular jury and on the special venire had been excused by Judge Stevens early in the afternoon. The summoning of the "Special Venire" brought to light an interesting fact: We have in Duplin County an old Negro woman - Liza Branch - who is an ex-slave and who was twice sold on the auction block.

At 3:30 Wednesday afternoon the last name on the Special Venire was called and only three jurors had been accepted and sworn during the day's session: McKinley Lloyd, the 96th name called; Henry Quinn, the 121st name called and Lloyd C. Jones the 188th name called. Thus there were now six jurors accepted and sworn. These out of 301 names on the regular jury for the term and the Special Venire. At this time Judge Stevens recessed court and called into his chambers the attorneys for the defense and the prosecution. A few minutes later the Judge returned to his bench, called the Court to order and announced that he would adjourn court until 9:30 Thursday morning while he took under advisement his future course of action. The six jurors were ordered locked up for the night.

The rumor quickly spread that Judge Stevens would order a change of venue and send the case

to Pender County for trial. This rumor was proven to be in error when Judge Stevens announced at 10:30 that he would call another Special Venire of 150. The names were speedily drawn and officers were dispatched to summon the venire. It was not until 4:30 p.m. that examination of this venire was begun. It is estimated that 35 to 40% of the prospective jurors examined on Tuesday and Wednesday disqualified themselves by saying that they did not believe in capital punishment. When five out of the first six men called from the second Special Venire announced that they were opposed to capital punishment Judge Stevens admonished the others of the Special Venire who had not yet been sworn and explained that they would perjure themselves if they falsely stated that they were opposed to capital punishment in order to escape sitting on this jury. He said: "This is the oath which the Clerk administers when you come up here and are sworn - 'Do you Solemnly Swear that you will True Answer give to the Court or anyone under its direction (That is the lawyers) touching on your fitness and competence as a juror. So Help You God. If you come up here and tell a willful lie to keep from sitting on this jury you commit perjury which is punishable by law.'" After this statement by the Court there were only two to be excused for this reason. The next man called - Joseph Thomas, No. 7 on the Special Venire - was accepted and sworn. Quickly then, O'Neil Pickett, No. 10; John W. Brice, No. 16; William R. Harper, No. 21; J. M. Harrison, No. 29; and Wayne Quinn, No. 47, were accepted and sworn to complete the jury. At 7:58 p.m. the 13th man and Alternate juror - A. G. Sholar, No. 50, was accepted and sworn. It had taken only 50 of the 150 veniremen to get seven jurors, whereas, only six had been accepted and sworn from the first list of 301 names. At 8:05 court was adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning and the jury locked up for the night.

Judge Stevens announced that he would hold court tomorrow and on Saturday until one o'clock when he would adjourn until Monday morning. (CONTINUED ON BACK)

RAMSEY EXONERATED

By EMORY SADLER

In Superior Court, Criminal Term, which opened in Kenansville on Monday August 30, Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw, presiding, the case of State vs D. D. Ramsey, of Rose Hill, charged with Assault on a Female with intent to commit rape, was nolle prossed at the suggestion of L. A. Wilson of Rose Hill, attorney for the private prosecution, Elmore Teachey, father of Jerry Teachey, aged about 9 years.

Mr. Ramsey, aged 62, is a highly respected citizen of the Rose Hill community and his arrest on the above charge was a great shock to his many friends. The charge grew out of Mr. Ramsey's asking the child to come into a theatre, operated by his son in Rose Hill, so that he could give her some candy. The theatre was not open at the time and it was alleged that he kissed her and otherwise made im-

proper advances. That sober thought and consideration has caused the father, Mr. Elmore Teachey and his attorney, Mr. L. A. Wilson, to ask that the charges be dismissed by the Court would seem to indicate that they exonerate Mr. Ramsey of any intent to do wrong. Since from their action it would appear that there was serious doubt of Mr. Ramsey's wrong intent, both Mr. Teachey and Mr. Wilson are to be congratulated for stopping the matter without further ado. The writer believes that there are no truer words than these of Shakespeare's - "Good name in man and woman, dear my Lord, is the immediate jewel of their souls: Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands, but he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which cannot enrich him, and makes me poor indeed."

Four Killed As Auto Wrecks

By IVEY BOWDEN

Four persons were killed and a fifth seriously injured early Tuesday of last week in Mobile, Ala. when the car in which they were riding left the road and went down an embankment due to a faulty steering gear.

The dead were Mr. and Mrs. John Otis Barnes, John Travis White and Virgil G. Rawlins. The survivor is George Thomas who is suffering from a brain concussion.

Funeral services were held for Mr. and Mrs. John O. Barnes on Sunday evening at four o'clock in the Kenansville Presbyterian Church. Services were conducted by the Rev. John M. Cline with interment in the Golden Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Barnes was the former Miss Estelle Shaffer. She has been living in Mobile for the past few years and celebrated her second wedding anniversary on August 6. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Nora B. Shaffer and five sisters, Mrs. H. E. Blake of Burgaw, Mrs. L. F. Rouse of Kinston, Mrs. James Tucker of Kenansville, Miss Lila Shaffer of Burgaw and Mrs. Ivy Bowden of Kenansville. Mr. Barnes is survived by a daughter by a former marriage Mrs. W. C. Thomas of Portsmouth, Virginia.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Nora Shaffer wish to express their appreciation for the many kindnesses shown during their recent tragedy.